


# CROSSOVER



Children from Mandwar, India who lost their houses, belongings and source of living after a flashflood that hit their village last June 16, 2013. This coming July 2014, new houses will be awarded to them by the CTF and the Karuna Social Service Society of the Diocese of Bijnore, India.

**“Do not be afraid of fragility.”**

Theme of the 3rd World Day of the Victims of Disasters, October 13, 2014



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THE VICTIMS  
OF DISASTERS

*"Do not be afraid of fragility"*

Pope Francis

**W**e are now in the third year of the celebration of the World Day of the Victims of Disasters (WDVD) that CTF is promoting to the Great Camillian Family as our gift to Saint Camillus. This initiative is gradually spreading from the different places where the CTF is ministering.

On October 13, 2012, as spearheaded by the CTF Central, the first celebration of WDVD was focussed on the theme of "Camillians as agents of humanization." Not a few activities were celebrated on that day all over the world such as lectures, debates and mass media campaigns. The objective was to initiate a "tradition" that would promote a culture and attention to the ministry of the CTF.

On October 13, 2013, the celebration moved to the second step of consolidating the previous experiences. In the spirit of the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Camillus, the initiatives have been articulated around the theme of the Camillian commitment in emergencies as a gift to St. Camillus.

**This year**, the focus will be on the exhortation of Pope Francis on February 9, 2014 during the Angelus introducing the celebration of the World Day of the Sick: *"Do not be afraid of fragility."*

Every action that we have undertaken during these disasters that struck the Philippines, India, and Kenya pushes us to confront ourselves of the meaning and mission of the Great Camillian Family today.

The 56th General Chapter (2007) has invited us to be "United for Justice and Solidarity in the World of Health." Still the words of Fr. Paul Lansu (Pax Christi Internationalis) during his address to the capitulars is echoing - "the right to health means also the protection from natural events and risks."

The Chapter is inviting us to commit and support the CTF for its emergency response in disasters. (56th Chapter Operational Guidelines No. 8).

Pope Francis during the Angelus of February 2014 while praying for the victims of disasters, has reminded us that, "Nature challenges us to be sympathetic and attentive to protecting creation, and to prevent, as much as possible, the most serious of consequences."

To be united for justice and solidarity, in the words of Pope Francis as he introduced the celebration of the World Day of the Sick (2014) means - "The dignity of the person can never be reduced to its faculties or capacities, and it does not become less when a person is weak, disabled or in need of help."

The programming of the WDVD is left to the individual Camillian presence in the world. However, we will encourage you to give attention to the three essential elements of the Camillian Task Force mission, namely, 1) animation and awareness, 2) celebration and formation, and 3) promotion and struggle for justice.

In particular, we are inviting everybody to reflect on the words of Pope Francis - "Do not be afraid of fragility."

Do not be afraid could mean:

- for the communities affected by the disaster - to recover the "gifts" and capacities to resiliency amidst disasters;
- for the Camillian presence - to be challenged by our desire for "salvation" (fullness of life) that goes to the roots of our vocation;
- for the Camillian institutions - to go out into the periphery (beyond the walls of our institutions) and work closely with the communities in the periphery "united in justice and solidarity";
- for the CTF teams - to continue to seek new responses to the "signs of the times" that begins with attentive listening to the local communities and will not settle only in "giving of things" (dole out charity);
- for the local communities - to turn a disaster into an opportunity for growth.

CTF Central





(On the right) Fr. Siby Khaitaran, MI, CTF India national coordinator posed with a family beneficiary of the shelter program

# MANDWAR SHELTER PROGRAM

**A**lmost a year ago, a heaviest rainfall on record of June 16 lashed India's Himalayan region of Uttarakhand forcing glaciers, lakes and rivers to overflow and inundate towns and villages in 168 districts. Thousands of families were displaced and lost their homes and livelihood. In Mandwar, several hundreds of farmers were still living in a makeshift despite receiving cash assistance from the government. They would rather fill their stomach first before anything else.

In a small village of Simlakhala, Mandwar district, the Camillian Task Force (CTF) India assisted ten families to build decent houses. They were selected based on the assessment, evaluation and interview conducted by the CTF staff upon the recommendation of Karuna Social Service Society (KSSS), the social arm of Bijnore Catholic diocese. The cost of construction is 3,000 USD per house.

The house is designed to stand before any flood. It is built according to the local standard and custom of the place but modified. It has two rooms, and a toilet and a bathroom.

During the visit of Fr. Siby Kaitharan (CTF National Coordinator), Fr. Anthony Kunnel (Program Coordinator) and Fr. Aris Miranda (International Coordinator) last May 22, eight houses (8) were 80% completed. They have seen how the members of the family beneficiaries helped one another in constructing their homes. They were all working with passion since they are build-

ing their own homes. The completion and awarding of houses will be on July 2014.



Peoples temporary shelter since June 2013.



Ongoing construction of permanent shelter. Beneficiaries shared for labor.



The new house is soon to be awarded in July.

by CTF India

DAVAO ORIENTAL - On December 4, 2012, a super typhoon roared at early dawn into the east coast of Davao Oriental in the island of Mindanao, Philippines. Typhoon Pablo (codename: Bopha) was such a huge storm. Its magnitude, coupled with the utter unpreparedness of the populations, wrought devastating impact to the affected populations. It brought losses to lives and properties and totally damaged the coconut farmland, which is the main source of livelihood.

The CTF regional office of Mindanao had organized a feeding program for one year among schoolchildren. 3,077 children were enrolled in the program coming from six (6) primary schools of Baganga in coordination with the *Gagmayng Kristohanong Katilingban (GKK)* or basic ecclesial communities and the parish of Lambajon. The project is supported by SOS-DRS (Servants of St. Camillus Disaster Relief Service), CTF Central, Camillian provinces and delegations and private donors.

During the mid-feeding assessment, ninety four percent (94%) of the 3,077 children beneficiaries have improved their nutritional status to the "Normal" body mass index (BMI) when the feeding program started. There was a reduction of those initially identified as "Wasted" from ten percent (10%) to four percent (4%). Those who were "Severely Wasted" have been reduced to one percent (1%) and those who were "Obese" has been eliminated. At the closing of the program, ninety nine percent (99%) of the children have improved their nutritional status to "Normal" exceeding the target of 90%. The children have improved their performance at the end of the feeding program as indicated in their regular attendance in school. One percent (1%) of the children have shown poor performance in school due to transfer of location or displacement after typhoon.

Aside from feeding program, 29 members of the basic ecclesial communities coming from the 6 participating schools attended and completed the training on Community Health Care and community building. Most of them are mothers of the children enrolled in the feeding program. These trained mothers compose the Community Based Health Program (CBHP) staff of the parish.

## NUTRITION INTERVENTION FOR BOPHA DISASTER-INDUCED HUNGER AMONG CHILDREN OF BAGANGA

These programs are also in preparation for a long-term intervention (3 years) program of SeS Phil - CTF on Agro-Forestation and Livelihood Development in Baganga. The main objectives of this project are: [1] To reforest, restore and protect the total target 400 hectares uplands of the devastated coconut uplands of Baganga within the next 3



years; [2] To conduct continuing education programs among the target beneficiaries, stakeholders and indigenous peoples on value formation, capability building activities, technical training, workshops, fora and local study missions; and [3] To organize and established community based livelihood projects and agri-enterprises among the upland farmers with their families. This will be primarily financed by the episcopal conference of Italy (CEI).

By CTF Mindanao

## RESTORING BOHOL EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS' RUINED DREAMS IS PICKING UP

BOHOL – Seven months had passed since the 7.2 magnitude earthquake of Central Visayas region, recovery phase is now in its peak. The Camillian Task Force – Salute Sviluppo Philippines and the Society of Ex-Camillian Seminarists (SECS) Bohol Chapter have launched an Adopt a Family Rehabilitation Program last December 2013. This program aims to restart, engage and strengthen income generating livelihood activities of targeted earthquake survivors and to create a safe and basically comforting home to live. The

program ranges from rehabilitation of permanent shelter, livelihood, and educational assistance. To date, eleven (11) beneficiaries have been enrolled in the program.

Beneficiaries are selected based on tangible criterion that is it must have been severely affected by the earthquake in any of the following manner: has lost livelihood; has mortality incidence in the family in which the death of a member/s affected the family's source of living; has no



means of livelihood or sustainable source of income to defray living expenses; and has not yet received major interventions like shelter or livelihood from the government or any other agencies public or private. All of them were subjected to screening process, evaluation and external recommendations conducted by the assessment team of SECS.

The first batch of beneficiaries either received shelter materials, small scale store with initial stocks (*sari-sari*), grass cutters, motorcycle for public transport (*habal-habal*), or educational assistance. The second batch will receive the same stuff and it will be awarded to them not later than July of this month. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) conducted also a one-day Capacity Building Training for Livelihood. Last April 26 four sari-sari stores were blessed by Fr. Aris Miranda, M.I. with other members of SECS.

For proper implementation, SECS formulated a Program Implementation Structure composed of six committees on Finance, Evaluation, Documentation, Pre-assessment, Delivery and Follow-up/Monitoring.

By SECS Bohol



1. Three severely affected and underserved barangays (locality) of the targeted municipalities of Western Samar are adopted as beneficiaries of the Salute e Sviluppo- Camillian Task Force Project Yolanda. Three other nearby areas received support based on their needs in collaboration with some non-governmental organizations and governmental organizations;
2. More than 25,500 families in the target areas received food packs;
3. 3,135 children are enrolled in the health and nutrition program which is 126% accomplishment from the target of 2,500 children;
4. 3,150 children in the target areas are given psychosocial support health activities and programs which is 126% accomplishment from the target of 2,500 children;
5. 3,597 individuals received medical, dental, surgical and psychological services including vaccination for 2,256 children and more than 48 were referred to health care facilities. There is a 143% accomplishment to the target number of 2,500 patients;
6. 3,432 school children received the educational materials and hygiene kit bags. This is 171% accomplishment to a target of 2,000 children;
7. Four thousand seventy five (4,075) families received hygiene packs;
8. One thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) families are given kitchenwares;
9. Thirty two male children of Amambucale and Malobago, Marabut are circumcised;
10. Nineteen barber beneficiaries from Basey, San Pedro, and Sta.Rita have started their livelihood activity after receiving the barber kits awarded to them;
11. Six drivers from Basey, Samar have started servicing in the area using the motorcycle taxi awarded to them. There will be an additional of 15 motorbikes to be awarded under soon in line with the expansion project of Fondazione PROSA;
12. Seven manicurists from Basey who received the complete manicure sets are earning from manicure/pedicure services;
13. Thirty six fisher folks of Marabut, Samar are now back into fishing after receiving the motorized bancas with nets provided to them;
14. Nine other motorized bancas will be awarded soon to the remaining beneficiaries;
15. Eighty four volunteer teachers and hospital personnel have undergone training on Psychosocial Support Intervention (5 sessions);
16. Five hundred forty (540) mothers completed the basic health education seminar under the community-based health care program;
17. Two (2) partially damaged community spaces (social & religious centers) are repaired while another one (1) totally damaged is undergoing reconstruction.

By SeS-CTF Philippines



**KENYA** - Wajir phase three (3) program is haunted by series of issues after a year of its implementation. Since the populace are mainly pastoralist, sedentary farming has never been explored so much and its potential problems have never been known. Moreover, desertification is a fast advancing phenomenon in the area. Bro. Francis, MI (assistant CTF coordinator) said: "Agriculture remains a challenge in Wajir county and we have tried to analyze these challenges and decided to give more energy to agriculture." He reported that there are two major issues that the famer beneficiaries are confronted, namely, high salinity of water for irrigation as well as human consumption, high pH (acidity/alkalinity) and pest infestation. These



## FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM IS HAUNTED BY NEW PROBLEMS

deposits affect so much the yield of crops. Some farmers are discouraged to continue planting due to losses.

CTF Kenya have taken already some measures to overcome these problems. Soil testing has been done and verified. Water treatment is already scheduled after the completion of capping of all the targeted bore wells (21). This measure has been strictly coordinated by the team to the Ministry of Water which immediately has approved the measure to be taken. The technical team are now in Wajir to prepare the bore wells for capping. Concerning the second issue, the soil test result has been submitted to Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) for further analysis. While waiting for the final analysis, KARI has already suggested to apply the soil with ammonium fertilizers.

Meanwhile, the community-based health care program (CBHP) is now advancing in its pace. The community health extension workers (CHEWs) have undergone another round of training and each team received the complete First Aid kits. The CTF team had met the officer in charge of the Ministry of Public Health in Wajir. During this meeting, after a careful analysis and in view of the current system of health devolution of funds to the counties, the initial proposal was to turn over the entire program to the said Ministry. Deployment of nurses in rural areas and improvement of health centers are now being undertaken by the government. So it is high time to turnover this program after the closure of the project.

*By CTF Kenya*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

October 27 - 30, 2014  
Rome, Italy  
December 1 - 5, 2014  
Burkina Fasso



### 3rd SAS2 Workshop

SAS2 is a new approach to participatory action research, planning and evaluation. Disaster relief and post-disaster community engagement are very complex tasks. The workshop will provide members of the CTF & other participants with tools and ideas for planning and implementing relief work during & immediately after a disaster. Venue - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Khumthong, Latkrabang , Bangkok, Thailand

September 22-26, 2014



The first conference was held in Rome - February 2009 with the goal of defining the specific character of the Camillian presence in emergencies. The second conference will focus on laying the groundwork for a systemic and dynamic Camillian Disaster Response worldwide considering that local CTF organizations are flourishing. This meeting will be participated by CTFs (province/delegation) coordinators from all over the world, other members of the big Camillian family and partner organizations.

This conference aims to share concrete experiences and best practices of Camillian disaster response; to identify common principles and standards of disaster response in view of formulating a global framework of Camillian disaster response; and to come up with a 5-year strategic plan for our growth and development.



# TRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF CTF



"The global natural disasters in 2013 records at least 296 separate disasters way up high compared to the 259 ten year average. It incurred economic losses to a total of USD 192 billion, 4% below the ten year average of USD 200 billion. 259 The number of human fatalities caused by natural disasters in 2013 was approximately 21,250; eight of the top ten events occurring in Asia. The other two events occurred in Africa. The deadliest event of the year was Super Typhoon Haiyan, which left at least 8,000 people dead or missing in the Philippines, Vietnam and China."

(cf. AON BENFIELD, [Annual Global Climate and Catastrophe Report Impact Forecasting 2013](#))



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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. Please send to [ctf@camilliani.org](mailto:ctf@camilliani.org).

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