

**INITIAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RELIEF OPERATIONS TO THE TYPHOON-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES
IN NUEVA VIZCAYA, NUEVA ECIJA AND QUEZON
As of 06 January 2005**

AREA	# OF FOOD PACKAGES DELIVERED		# OF PWDs	DISTRIBUTION SCHEME & UTILIZATION OF GOODS	REMARKS/ RECOMMEND-ATIONS
	500- PESO	1,000- PESO			
NUEVA VIZCAYA 26 barangays in the towns of Bambang, Dupax Sur, Dupax Norte, Bayombong, Bagabag, Solano & Quezon	62	195	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRRM Nueva Vizcaya Chapter officers and members were involved in the local relief operations. - Criteria for the identification of primary recipients/communities: families with totally damaged houses; with damaged farm lands or lost livelihoods; with members that are PWDs, sick, elderly; beneficiaries of small infrastructure such as potable water system and footbridges that were damaged; less served by other relief initiatives. - Relief goods were distributed as food-for-work for the immediate repair of damaged irrigation canals, houses, infrastructure and farmlands. - Coordination with LGUs, DSWD, NV Disaster Coordinating Council and Provincial Agriculture Office for damage assessment, identification of barangays that are less served by other relief initiatives and hauling & delivery of goods via the LGU service vehicles. - During distribution, a short orientation session was conducted with the communities on: introduction of CBM as primary sponsor of relief goods; criteria for selection of primary recipients; scheme of relief operation; brief inputs on environmental awareness; filling up of acknowledgment forms by recipients. 	<p>Partial report only. Balance of 38 packs (500-peso) and 55 packs (1000-peso) still to be distributed.</p> <p>Needs/Recommend-ations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - livelihood activities for PWDs and their families - construction materials & funds for rehabilitating small infrastructure - funds, food-for-work & farm inputs for rebuilding farmlands
NUEVA ECIJA 5 towns of San Leonardo, San Antonio, Laur & Cabanatuan City	260			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relief goods were distributed directly to the affected families, in partnership with the Emancipatory Movement for People's Empowerment (EMPOWERMENT) and the Alay Kapwa Social Action Center (AKSAC) of the Diocese of Cabanatuan. - The cost of each food package exceeded 500 pesos since other relief items (e.g., used clothes, other food items) were added from the donation of the Department of Social Sciences of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU). - Relief items were repacked by members/volunteers of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Youth Association – CLSU Chapter, the Kooperatibang Likas ng NE (KOOL-NE) and the KALIKASAN-NE (provincial federation of small rice farmers for sustainable agriculture). 	<p>Partial report only. Additional reports from AKSAC will follow. Relief goods allocated for Gabaldon town were reallocated to other areas since there was adequate relief assistance from other sources.</p>

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QUEZON 3 towns of Gen. Nakar, Infanta & Real	100	200		The relief goods that were delivered to three parishes were composed of 100 plastic bags of 500-peso food packages and 200 plastic bags of 1000-peso food packages. Distribution through the parishes was done to insure that the goods reached the intended beneficiaries in the far-flung barangays (compared to distribution through local politicians who tended to declare that they sponsored the distribution of relief goods).	The most affected is the children's sector. Most of the school buildings were damaged. All classes from elementary to high school were temporarily cancelled. Some children assisted the commuters by directing the traffic along the highway going to Real-Infanta in return for some coins. Since farmlands were destroyed, people resort to other livelihood activities (e.g., charcoal making and wood gathering) and child labor becomes a potential problem. Some sectors anticipate that cases of child prostitution will become rampant.

Upon receipt of the funds from the CBM, the Task Force-Bagyo purchased the required amounts of food items to be included in the 500-peso and 1,000-peso food packages allocated for the provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Quezon. The TF-Bagyo members assisted in the purchase and temporary storage of the food items in the 2nd floor conference area of the PRRM HQ. The PRRM branch in Nueva Ecija proposed that the food items be bought locally (i.e., in Muñoz City); thus, funds were transferred to the PRRM NE branch bank account.

The food items allocated for Nueva Vizcaya were directly delivered to the PRRM branch office in Bayombong last 23 December 2004. (Repacking of the items into 500- and 1,000-peso packages were done by the PRRM Nueva Vizcaya Chapter members and other local volunteers.)

The food items allocated for Quezon were repacked in the PRRM HQ. These were delivered by a hired truck last 27 December 2004, under the supervision of the President of the PRRM Quezon Chapter.

Trucks were hired for the purpose of delivering the goods to the PRRM branch/field offices in both Nueva Vizcaya and Quezon, Streamers with the logos and names of CBM and PRRM were provided to the PRRM offices in the three provinces for display during delivery to the local communities.

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