



“YOLANDA” Relief, Rehab, Reconstruction IN ILOILO

November 9, 2013 was a traumatic experience also in the eastern part of Iloilo. NACSEARelief responded in all areas. Relief with a food drive reaching out to 500 families. Livelihood rehabilitation by providing gears for 70 fisher folks and reconstruction of destroyed school facilities.

The relief operation was in cooperation with HOPE International who were introduced by the British School and Brent School in Manila. HOPE however soon left the area.

NACSEARelief, representing nak-karitativ from Germany and NAK-humanitas from Switzerland started their program with the help of Municipality Counselor Ernesto Balida.

The project consisted of:

NACSEA Relief Batad, Iloilo	Funded by		
1. Relief distribution in 5 baranggays in cooperation with Hope. 500 families.	NAK Karitativ	Part of 25KUSD	Done
2. Rehabilitation of Malico Elem School funded by NAK Humanitas	NAK Humanitas	CHF 12,000.00	Done
3. Livelihood assistance in terms of Fishing Gears for 70 fisherfolks.	NAK Karitativ	EUR 14,243.00	Done
4. Rebuilding of one (1) building three (3) classroom of Batad National High School	NAK Karitativ	EUR 27,967.00	Turnover
5. Repair of one (1) buidling two (2) classroom of Bulak Sur Elem School	NAK Karitativ		Turnover
6. Rebuilding of one (1) buidling two (2) classroom of Embarkadero Elem School	NAK Karitativ		Turnover
7. Rebuilding of one (1) building two (2) classroom of Teodoro Gomeri (Alinsolong) Elem School	NAK Karitativ		Turnover

A delegation of NACSEAsia consisting of:

- Urs Hebeisen, President
- Marlene Datario, Project Management
- Crisolito and Alona Ariola, Rector NAC Iloilo

visited Batad on Monday 23rd February 2015 to monitor the progress and accomplishment of the project. Everywhere they were received by an enthusiastic crowd of school children and thankful School Principals and Faculty:

1. **Malico Elementary School** – Rebuilding and repair of 2 buildings with 4 classrooms. Through the funding of NAK Humanitas, support of Local Government Unit of Batad, and the teachers and parents association, the school was rebuilt and was turned over to Department of Education in a ceremony last June 2, 2014.

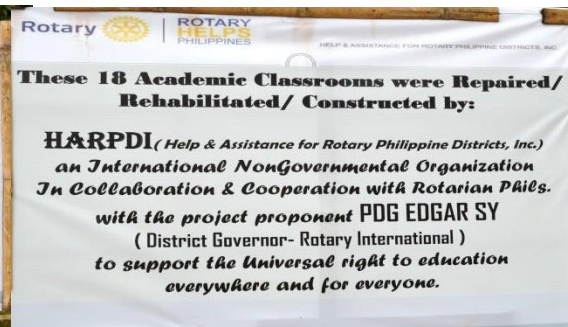
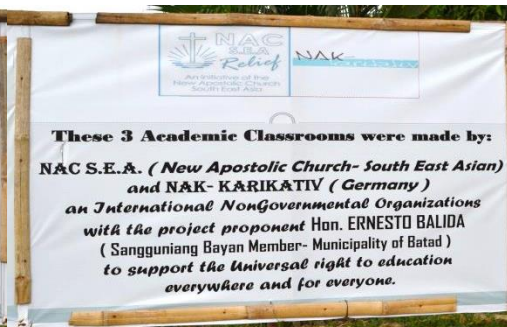
During the visit, DA Urs Hebeisen reads with the grade 4 children a book in local language “Hiligaynon”.

The parents and teachers association (PTA) also organized a community garden in front of the school yard.



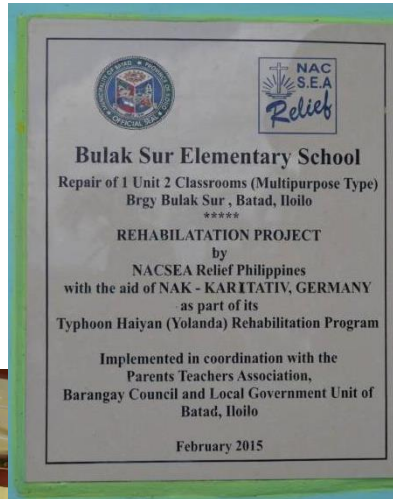
2. Batad National High School – Rebuilding of 1 building with 3 classrooms. Full knockdown full concrete constructions contribute to the total of 22 classrooms being repaired and rebuilt by different NGO's for such big population of 833 secondary students.

Estimated completion of the 3 classrooms funded by NAK karitativ is end of March. Turnover of classroom is scheduled together with graduation ceremony come April 2015.



3. Bulak Sur Elementary School – Turnover of 1 building with 2 classrooms was the third stop of the day. NACSEA Relief was greeted by happy children with their flags.

The repair of 2 classrooms funded by NAK karitativ was also made possible by volunteer parents and teachers by being part of labor force. The school was identified as one of the beneficiary when NACSEA Relief distributed relief goods in Barangay Bulak Sur during the first phase of Typhoon Yolanda disaster actions.



4. Embarkadero Elementary School – Turnover of fully repaired 1 building with 2 classrooms (Home Economics Room) to local school board. The roofs were damaged by the typhoon along with the tables and chairs of the students. Desks and chairs are in desolate conditions and thus need replacements.

The classrooms were fully repaired and the Home Economics Room is ready to be used by Grade 5 and Grade 6 students for the cooking and sewing lessons. Total enrollment for this school year is 289.



6. Fishing Gear Beneficiaries

Embarkadero is one of the barangays who benefitted in fishing gear assistance. With boats from other NGOs, the gears enable them fully to go back to their own livelihood. Fisher folks send their children to the local school and thus disaster action in this sense is in full cycle.

Full assessment and documentation of the fisher folks' life after the distribution will be made by Councilor Balida. Below are two family beneficiaries.



Below is a photo of the volunteer carpenters who helped construct the Embarkadero Elementary School.

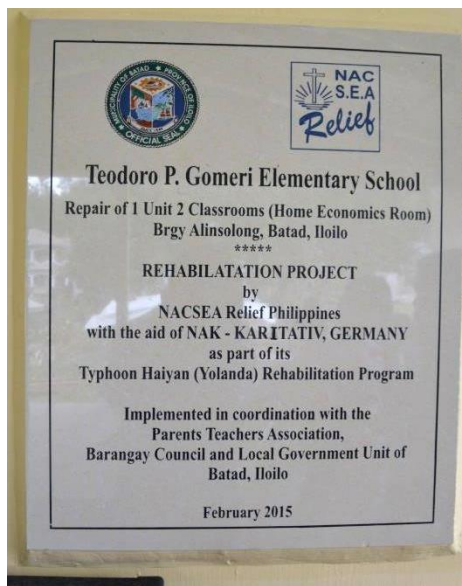


7. The last stop was **Teodoro Gomeri Elementary School** located in **Barangay Alinsolong**. Turnover of 1 building for Home Economics.

Children lined up and are cheerfully singing upon arrival of the team. Home Economics building rebuilt by full knockdown and full concrete. Funded by NAK karitativ, this building will serve the school with 401 enrollees.

Unfortunately we also noticed needs for which there are no more funds available. 3 classrooms are still missing here in Teodoro Gomeri. Classes are held in UNICEF tents.





Noteworthy is the way how the work was shared. All contributed and were a part of it. Even the well maintained surroundings, gardens are testimony of a healthy community spirit under an excellent leadership. This radiates to the students who values the development and thus promises to take care of the school building and ultimately continue studying for their future.

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