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To the World ExCo, the World Secretariat and the National Communities of World CLC:

Peace of Christ! And a heart-felt New Year's greeting to all of you!

After Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, we received many messages from you, offering words of comfort and encouragement, especially with the devastation experienced by our countrymen in several parts of the country. Local and foreign media were able to show the world the aftermath of storm surges on the lives of ordinary people in Eastern Samar, Leyte, Cebu and Palawan.

The families of some of our CLCers in the Philippines were also affected. We are grateful that despite the tragedy, they are in good condition and have since proceeded to rebuild whatever they may have lost.

The work of rehabilitation is considered more challenging than immediate relief operations.

In line with efforts of a number of our local communities, CLC Philippines is officially supporting the rehabilitation efforts in Daanbantayan—a small fishing village north of Cebu that was severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan but which has not received as much attention. CLC Philippines is coursing monetary donations through Church organizations and NGOs such as the Stella Maris and Friends Project of Archdiocesan Shrine of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Cebu in coordination with Fr. Ben Sim, SJ and other local Cebu CLC groups.

More specifically, this effort seeks to enable the village to recover fishing boats for livelihood, roofing for public schools and the establishment of a community center.

For national communities of World CLC who wish to donate any amount for this venture, please get in touch with us through our CLC-P email address, clcp@admu.edu.ph for additional details.

Donors can expect accounting and documentation for donations given, as well as reports on the manner by which donations have been dispersed. An initial target of Php2.5 million has been pegged for this effort. For more pictures and information, you may visit: https://www.facebook.com/50fiftyrebuild

Sincerely,

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