

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Recovering from Disaster: A Post-Disaster Rehabilitation and Mitigation Program in Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte
2. Location : Four landslide affected barangays in Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte
3. Project Sector : Basic Human Needs / Emergency assistance
4. Budget : Php 2,496,300.00
5. Implementing Organization : Citizens' Disaster Response Center
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6. Duration : May 1, 2006 - April 30, 2007 (one year)
7. Project Description :

The project is about providing economic assistance and disaster response training to help in the recovery efforts of survivors and those affected by the February 17, 2006 landslides in Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte. It has two major components: (1) Economic Livelihood Assistance in the form of seed and farm tools dispersal; and, (2) Capacity Building that will strengthen the people's capability in preparing for and mitigating the adverse effects of disasters.

Of the six affected barangays, four adjacent villages, involving 631 families, will be covered by the project. The residents in the villages of New Esperanza, Ayahag and Sug-angon shall receive uniform packages of livelihood assistance and training. The survivors from the village of Guinsaun, meanwhile, will be allowed to use their allocation should they also decide to engage in non-agriculture livelihood activities as their farmlands were rendered unproductive after being covered by 30-meter thick mud, rocks and boulders.

8. Beneficiaries : 631 families or 2,244 individuals

9. Expected Results :

- The residents are able to normalize their agriculture activity through the provision of inputs and tools needed to actualize farming;
- Agricultural usury victimizing the residents who lost their capital is minimized if not totally eradicated.
- The women and children in 631 households have established backyard vegetable gardens and propagated goats and chickens for food and commercial purposes.
- Community members are equipped with the necessary skills in preventing, mitigating and/or managing disasters and their immediate and long-term effects.
- Early warning systems are defined and counter-disaster plan formulated.
- Community empowerment is developed and the leadership and governance skills of key individuals or groups is strengthened.