



Helping Vulnerable Boys to Live and Play Safely

IOM Philippines supports repair of damaged Boys' Shelter in Typhoon Haiyan Response – Tacloban City

On September 28th, IOM Philippines held a re-dedication ceremony to mark the completion of repair and refurbishment project of the Boys' Shelter/ Social Development Center in Tagguro, Tacloban City.

Managed by the local government, Tagguro Boys' Shelter provides a safe haven for out-of-school boys who are neglected, abandoned or abused and do not have guardians to look after them. Before Typhoon Haiyan, 36 boys between 10 to 18 years of age, were living and playing together in the shelter. With the typhoon destroying a large part of the building, the majority of the boys had to leave the shelter and seek refuge elsewhere. The rest decided to stay in the remaining part of the building, although many of the facilities including the kitchen, the roof and the ceiling were severely damaged.



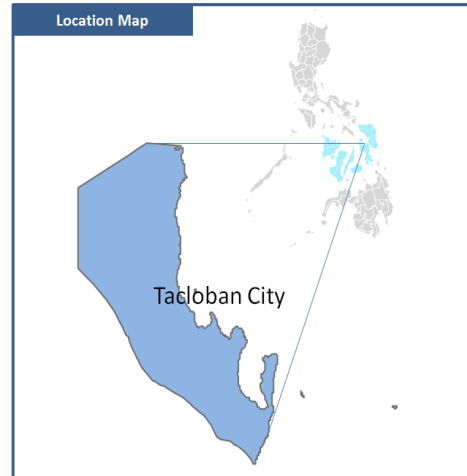
Damaged bedroom ceiling of Boy's Shelter ©IOM 2014



Repaired and refurbished Boys' Shelter ©IOM 2014

Upon the request of the City Government and the UN Protection Cluster and with generous donations from private donors, IOM carried out repair and refurbishment of the Boys' Shelter including the roofing, ceiling, replacement of windows and door panels, masonry works and kitchen canopy extension, repainting, drilling and installation of a hand pump. All the repair work was assisted by Cash-for-Work workers, who had lost their jobs due to the typhoon. They also benefited from this project and received a temporary source of income towards their livelihood costs.

Now the boys are enjoying the newly repaired facilities of the shelter. Those who left to seek refuge in other places are expected to come back. At the re-dedication ceremony, gratitude for IOM's assistance was expressed by the representative of the beneficiaries. A social worker who is stationed in the shelter commented: "we cannot thank enough the IOM and all the donors for making the center's rehabilitation possible... You certainly made a difference in the lives of the children in the center".



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Boys back in the shelter enjoying their first meal together ©IOM 2014

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