Philippines

HHRD in Philippines

HHRD works globally, focusing on countries where most of the population lives below the poverty line. Since 2014, HHRD has been caring for orphans in the Philippines. Its Skills Development and Livelihood Program for students teaches self-sufficiency, and Ramadan food boxes provide nourishment to families during the month of fasting. In 2019, HHRD’s emergency team was on the ground providing food, shelter, water, and medical assistance to earthquake victims. In the wake of Super Typhoon Goni, HHRD launched its Philippines Relief fund and worked closely with local vetted NGO partners to support those affected by the typhoons. HHRD has been working in the Philippines since 2014, hosting skills development programs and caring for orphans. After 2019, HHRD provided food, shelter, water, and medical assistance to victims and displaced persons. In 2020, HHRD worked closely with partner NGOs to support those affected by typhoons and recently assisted with Super Typhoon Odette on December 16, 2021.

HHRD Status

Helping Hand USA has been working with vetted partner NGO Taha Foundation since 2016 by providing Orphan Support, Ramadan Fitra distribution, and Global Qurbani. HHRD launched its “Philippines Earthquake Relief” fund to help affected families receive humanitarian assistance as its Emergency Response Team conducts needs assessments. Three consecutive earthquakes rocked the area on October 16th, 29th, and 31st causing widespread damage, fear, and several aftershocks. With the help of the Taha Foundation, along with a group of active volunteers based in Cotabato City, HHRD supported relief operations in Makilala, North Cotabato.

HHRD Programs

- **Orphan Support**
  - 400 orphans assisted

- **Skills Development and Livelihood**
  - 36 trainees

- **Emergency Relief & Disaster Management**
  - 3,529 beneficiaries

Seasonal Food:

- **Ramadan Food**
  - 6,649 beneficiaries

- **Udhiya/Qurbani**
  - 1,980 beneficiaries
Country Context

The Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. An average of 22 annula tropical cyclones, of which around 6 to 7 cause significant damage. Conflicts in Mindanao also cause cycles of forced displacement. Compounded with the devastating effects of COVID-19, the situation in the Philippines is truly dire.

Key Figures

- **103,000** in need of shelter
- **Over 215,700** individuals displaced
- **50,000** in need of clean water
- **15,000** in need of food security
- **2.84 million** Covid-19 cases