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## **A year since Typhoon Haiyan: More than a million people assisted; a remarkable journey of resilience**

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**Tacloban, PHILIPPINES (November 7 2014)** — November 8 is precisely one year since [the world's strongest typhoon](#) slammed the [Philippines](#) with unimaginable force. In the last 12 months, [World Vision](#) has continued to stand with survivors as they begin to rebuild their lives and look toward the future.

World Vision has exceeded its planned target reach of 750,000 individuals, already surpassing one million beneficiaries. Around 473,000 of these survivors were children.

Response Director Andrew Rosauer says that while he is proud that his team has given the response 100 percent, the one-year mark is about the emotional losses and gains, and he and his team will take part in the candlelight memorial embedded within communities in Tacloban from 4 p.m. on the 8th.

"It is important to remember those who lost their lives this time last year, and to honor the survivors' courage, tenacity and strength. It is also a time to acknowledge the people who are still finding it difficult to adjust with so many losing loved ones, their homes, and their livelihoods.

"We have had a focus on 'building back better,' but there are still many challenges ahead as we work with the communities to restore livelihoods and to prepare for disasters yet to come."

Sustaining long-term income opportunities continues to be the largest problem within Haiyan-affected communities, with so many people losing their usual sources of income, or losing the household breadwinner in the storm. Another is improving resilience for future emergencies.

To date, World Vision has provided almost 2,500 houses for the most vulnerable families — usually child headed households, single parents, the disabled and the elderly.

Apart from shelter support, families also had the opportunity to receive assistance with livelihoods, health, education and other key needs identified. Cash-for-work programs have involved and supported more than 85,000 people and more than 21,000 have benefited from livelihoods that include livestock distribution, skills training, business start-up toolkits and working with community savings groups.



"This year has had so many disasters that required the world's attention: From the crisis' in Syria, Gaza, South Sudan, the Ukraine and the Ebola outbreak — it's fair to say that the typhoon has been sharing the world stage with other pressing issues," Rosauer said.

"But the 8th of November is a time for the typhoon to be remembered. Filipinos are always smiling and have a remarkably positive outlook. Behind the day-to-day commitment of moving on, there are many heavy hearts."

After November 8 World Vision moves into the rehabilitation stage, the final phase of emergency response. Rosauer recognizes the vital part that communities play in both decision-making and physical workmanship when building back so that they are not only empowered, but also have the skills to rebuild if any other future shocks occur. "We want to enable survivors to restore their dignity by continuing to be involved in their own recovery," he said.

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