



GABRIELA

A national alliance of women's organizations

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Dear Friends,

Once again we appeal to you for immediate support and help for relief and rehabilitation efforts for victims of the typhoon Yolanda (international name-Haiyan) that ravaged many parts of central Philippines including 36 provinces in eastern, western and central parts of Visayas and Southern Tagalog causing deaths, destroyed houses, properties, and livelihood, lost of food and water sources, and destruction of roads and major communication lines. As of Monday November 11, local and national government has yet to give exact account of the damage it has caused although media reports estimates that over four million people are affected. GABRIELA Roxas City chapter alone reported that all the members' houses were totally and partially damaged while 95,413 families in 415 barangays in the whole of Capiz province were affected. Roxanne Arsaga, GABRIELA Secretary General-Iloilo Chapter lost her sister and 1-year old niece. People are scrambling to get food and water, find temporary shelters while trying to find missing family members and bury the dead.

Those affected by what has been described as one of the strongest typhoons in the world are in immediate need of ***food items (rice and non-perishables), clean drinking water, powdered milk for children and nursing mothers, basic medicines, first aid supplies, clothes, sleeping mats, blankets, and toiletries (including sanitary napkins for women.)*** We are also organizing psycho-social counselling especially for women and children victims.

While we are calling our government to get its act together to immediately respond to the needs of the victims and review its policies regarding disaster response and management to prevent future devastation, we hope to be able to reach out to communities and help in their immediate needs. We also appeal to you to join us on ***November 13 for the International Day of Solidarity and Action for the victims of Yolanda.***

For donations of goods please send to the following address:

GABRIELA National Office
35 Scout Delgado St., Brgy. Laging Handa
Quezon City 1103 Philippines
Tel: +632 3744423

For monetary donations please send to the following Peso bank account:

Account Name: GABRIELA, Inc
Account No: 6363636057747
Name of Bank: Metrobank- Examiner St., Branch
Swift Code: MBTCPHMM

If you have any questions or require further clarifications please do not hesitate to contact Joan Salvador +63922 889 5626 or Obeth Montes +63922-828 6242. Thank you very much and we hope that once again we can depend on your help and solidarity in this trying times.

In Solidarity,

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