ABCD: Overcoming Challenges, Project Accomplishments and Ways Forward

A Joint Presentation of Philippine Statistics Authority and Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services

Overcoming Challenges

NDRRMC* data as of January 2014

• 1,959 transmission facilities were damaged
• 3.4 million families or 16 million individuals were affected
• 1.1 million houses damaged
• P18 B worth of damages to infrastructure – roads, bridges, flood control, health facilities and schools

*National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
Overcoming Challenges

- Communications and connectivity
- Insufficient data
- Lack of supporting documents

Overcoming Challenges

- Massive destruction in infrastructure
- Inclement weather
- Political will
Accomplishments

- ABCD / UNHCR aimed to deliver 83,790 civil records to Haiyan survivors but eventually produced a total of 126,078 birth, marriage, and death certificates.

Provision of Legal Services

- Targeted 8,000 individuals but reached out to 10,000.
- Access to government support to Haiyan survivors (e.g. insurance).
- Facilitated close to $1 million worth of claims and benefits in education, housing and livelihood, among others.
Public Awareness on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

- Radio program
- News blog
- Social media
- Website

Ways Forward

- Revitalize CRVS System
- National Policy
- Expansion of CRVS work beyond Region VIII
Ways Forward

• Cover marginalized sectors (e.g. children, Indigenous Peoples, women)
• Mainstreaming CRVS work in Disaster Risk Reduction Programs
• Linking CRVS programs with Social Protection and Financial Inclusion initiatives

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