Lessons from Typhoon Haiyan:
Supporting shelter self-recovery in the Philippines

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Background

By Nov 2014 (12 months): **43** organisations had provided support for “Repairs & Retrofit” while **22** organisations planned to

Number + diversity of SSSR programmes = unique opportunity to synthesise lessons from different programmes in a similar context
‘Self-recovery’ ≠ ‘self-building’

SSSR = helping households to make and implement key decisions about their housing recovery process

What are my priorities…?

shelter or livelihood recovery?

location: rebuild or relocate?

assistance type: direct-build, SSSR or ???

time: rebuild quickly or slowly?

labour: self-build or hire?

quality: BBS or not?

materials: buy or salvage?

Diagram adapted from IFRC Shelter Kit Guidelines
Different SSSR approaches

Low value shelter support in relief

Higher value multi-sector support in recovery

Diagram adapted from Transitional Shelter Guidelines
Tiered system of support

‘SSSR Plus’
or direct-construction

SSSR

Training

20%
50%
30%
key materials which are expensive or difficult to source;

- cash or vouchers to both purchase construction materials and meet urgent needs;
- pre-construction training for the whole community (plus carpenters and local government);
- ongoing technical support at household level provided by agency staff members or carpenters.
Shelter and livelihoods:
• shelter programmes reduce assets and time spent on livelihoods;
• lack of materials and finance is a key reason for construction delays.

SSSR can include support for self-recovery of toilets (except for areas with specific technical requirements). Only if culturally appropriate and as part of a WASH programme.
Household contributions

<10,000 Php (~£135)
materials, labour, transport

1-2 days
training, collecting materials

40% self-built
+ bayanihan

loss of income
250-500Php per day

What combination of assistance is needed?

Household

• Needs
• Priorities
• Ability to contribute
  • land
  • finance
  • materials
  • skills
  • time.

Context

• Land
• Finance
• Materials
• Labour

What combination of assistance is needed?
Risks, monitoring, flexibility
Further information

The effectiveness and efficiency of interventions supporting shelter self-recovery following humanitarian crises: An evidence synthesis.


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