

# STORIES FROM THE GROUND

## HOW ARE THE WEALTHY AFFECTED? SLIDE 10

The owner of this cargo ship was unable to deliver these goods to its intended destination as the ship was washed up onto land and was too difficult to remove. This resulted in a large loss of income for the ship owner.



The goods on the ships ranged from food and water to concrete.

After some negotiations, the ship owner agreed to donate the goods inside the ship to the local communities who were able to use the concrete to start building back houses and the food and water feed many.

The ship owner will receive compensation and his insurance company will pay out for the loss of goods and income and ships.



## HOW ARE THE MIDDLE CLASS AFFECTED SLIDE 11

Risa has three children – Alex (5 months), Alexa (4) and Nicole (10) who has epilepsy (discovered at age 2) and doesn't attend school due to disabilities (a result of fits).

When the Typhoon came their entire house was washed away despite being concrete; all that was left was bits of broken concrete on the ground. The family evacuated up the hill but were unable to take anything with them, as a result they lost everything.

Using found materials they have rebuilt a shelter, originally using tarps for the roof they found that it leaked and shook in the wind (a reminder of the storm) and saving money from taking in washing they purchased thatch for the roof.

The grandmother (pictured in this photo) lives with Risa and helps her to take other people's washing as a small source of income. Risa's husband travels everyday to Basey to look for work. He used to help the fishermen bring in their catch but many boats and nets were destroyed during the storm and there is no work available as a hired fishing hand.

This family owned their own land where their house is located on the sand at the beach front. Unfortunately, it sits in the 40 metre 'no build zone' so they are hoping the government will help with relocation, but not too far from the beach as that is where they have their livelihood. Without an income, the uncertainty of work, and the loss of their house; this family was once middle class but are now living in poverty as a consequence of the Typhoon.

## HOW ARE THE POOR AFFECTED? SLIDES 12-13

Restituto Rosell is 51 years old and is a farmer who produces - corn, root crops sweet potato. Restituto doesn't own any land to farm on, so he 'rents' land off a landowner who takes 75% of his crops in payment for the use of his land.



Restituto uses the leftover crops to feed his 3 boys aged 23, 20, 17 and his wife.

When the Typhoon came, he stayed at his house with his elderly father who is paralysed from the waist down but encouraged his children and wife to evacuate to the local school. Restituto wanted to save his father and couldn't leave him to battle the Typhoon on his own.

While he was taking shelter in his home, he saw the trees falling and things flying through the air. He had never seen anything like that before. He told us later that he submitted himself to God's mercy as he thought he and his father would die.

When the Typhoon was over, Restituto and his family had to move into the pig pen as it's the only building still standing. Here they waited 4 days, without food or water before aid relief arrived.

Restituto hopes that his life and livelihood will go on. He knows that another Typhoon is inevitable, but from his experiences he has learnt to pray and to prepare. He believes that God will help his family.



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