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Dear colleagues and friends in Scouting,

Devastation of Typhoon Haiyan

Over the weekend, you must have seen from mass media and social media the heartbreaking catastrophe brought by super typhoon Yolanda (international codename: Haiyan) that swept over several towns and cities in the Visayas region of the Philippines. True to its name, Haiyan (ocean swallow) decimated towns and killed thousands of people. Over 600,000 people are homeless.

As of today, government and non-government agencies, the UN and numerous countries are reaching out to give aid to victims and displaced families who are now in evacuation centers and temporary shelters.

What can Scouts do!

Boy Scouts of the Philippines National Office is now receiving support from the local and international community of Scouting. The challenges are great but in our own Scout way, many Scout councils in different provinces and cities have launched their own campaigns to collect funds and relief goods for immediate assistance.

The APR office, using its diplomatic status, is extending support to facilitate and receive donations from National Scout Organizations and individuals from other countries. Assessing that it would take many months or several years to rebuild lives and livelihood in the hardest hit areas, your generous donation will be used for medium and long-term projects for rehabilitation and rebuilding.

Please send your cash and material donations to:

Account Name: World Scout Bureau/APR
Bank Account Number: 10-12000-40188
Bank: Banco De Oro, Herrera Branch
Address: Sotto St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, 1229 Philippines
SWIFT: BNORPHMM
Tel No: +632 7594416
Fax No: +632 7594415
Street address:
219 Salcedo St, Legaspi Village, Makati City, 1229 Philippines

We very much appreciate your offers of prayer for the victims and for the survivors to overcome their challenges.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely yours,

J. Rizal C. Pangilinan
Regional Director

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