

**ASEAN Strategic Assistance for Recovery and Rehabilitation of
Haiyan/Yolanda Affected Areas in the Philippines (ARYA)**

POSSIBLE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE FOR ARYA

What is the ASEAN assistance programme composed of?

The overall objective of this ASEAN initiative is to strengthen regional disaster resilience through an enhanced ASEAN regional response for sustainable humanitarian and post-disaster assistance for the typhoon-affected communities in the Philippines focusing on critical recovery and rehabilitation needs. This initiative reflects ASEAN's continued commitment and manifestation in building a community of caring and sharing society with the people as the central part of ASEAN's community building efforts. The initiative is carried out through the following activities:

1. ASEAN High-Level Conference for the Recovery of Yolanda Affected Areas (ARYA)

This regional high-level conference aims to further encourage partners to pledge concrete assistance to the Philippine Government to implement its national and local recovery and rehabilitation plans for the Yolanda Corridor. This is in light of the Philippine Government's call for support and to further sustain interest of the international community in its continuing efforts to address critical post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation needs of affected areas.

2. ASEAN Community Rebuilding Technical Workshop

To be held immediately after the Recovery Conference, this half-day knowledge and experience sharing workshop is intended to gather local leaders and key stakeholders of affected localities to share experiences and discuss how sustainable principles of building-back-better/smarter/safer are incorporated in their respective recovery and rehabilitation processes. ASEAN Member States like Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand will be requested to share their own experiences and lessons on how they "bounced forward" on the road to recovery and rehabilitation. Plans for "ASEAN Community Rebuilding Stakeholders Meeting" to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia as a follow-up activity will also be discussed here.

3. ASEAN Community Rebuilding Stakeholders Meeting

A programming meeting of potential supporters and partners together with local government officials of the affected areas will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia to formulate strategies and interventions covering selected municipalities/communities and develop specific project proposals to carry forward the commitments made during the high-level Conference.

4. ASEAN Adopt-a-Municipality for Resilient Recovery Project

Through this project, partners can provide area-specific support. Areas that may be adopted could be an affected barangay (village), municipality, or city. By adopting these areas, partners will be responsible for addressing the identified significant needs in those areas. The assistance can be end-to-end (from planning to implementation in all areas needed) or focus on specific sectors such education, health, infrastructure, and others. The adoption may be undertaken by individual partners or in partnership with ASEAN and other partners.

How can partners support the ASEAN assistance programme?

There are a variety of ways in which ASEAN partners can provide support for the recovery and rehabilitation of Yolanda-affected areas in the Philippines. Below are examples of direct assistance and partnership modalities:

- i. **Adopt-a-municipality**
- ii. **Financial assistance** - Direct cash contribution to support the Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (OPARR). An accountability mechanism shall be established to monitor and ensure transparency.
- iii. **Experts and specialists** - Provide experts/specialists needed by communities/municipalities/cities/provinces in specific disciplines such as retrofitting of buildings, resettlement and land use planning, etc., to help implement recovery and rehabilitation projects in affected areas.
- iv. **Technology transfer** – Provide technology and know-how relating to state-of-the-art scientific and technological advancements in the field of resilient recovery, disaster risk management and resilience building, etc.
- v. **Equipment and materials** – Contribute hardware and material donations to support the implementation of local recovery and rehabilitation plans of affected localities.
- vi. **Infrastructure rehabilitation** – Rehabilitate damaged critical infrastructures, such as hospitals, schools, public utilities, and make them more resilient and serve multiple purposes such as evacuation centres.

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