

Focus Group Discussion Guide

Poverty Alleviation in the Wake
of Typhoon Yolanda

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Location:

Date:

Time:

Facilitator:

Documentor:

Sector (Women, Mixed, Youth, PWDs, Elderly):

Participants: (have an attendance sheet with gender and age data)

Instructions for Facilitator:

- *This FGD guide should be translated in the appropriate language.*
- *Before the start of the FGD, introduce yourself and give a brief introduction about the project. Then, ask permission from the participants to get their names and to document through voice recorder and camera the proceedings.*

A. Questions to Open the Discussion

1. Before typhoon Yolanda, what was the socioeconomic situation in your barangay? (Livelihood, poverty status, problems and development projects, if any)
2. Before Yolanda, what did people usually do when there are natural calamities like typhoons?
3. Could you tell briefly what happened immediately before, during, and after the typhoon Yolanda? Were you given appropriate warnings by agencies and other groups? What did you do? Where did you stay?

B. Questions About Aftermath of the Typhoon

1. Could you tell us a bit about the impact of Yolanda in your barangay.
2. What were the difficulties you faced during the emergency and recovery period?
3. Who were the first agencies that came in and helped you? When did assistance come? What type of help did they give you?
4. Which of these agencies are still here? What are their remaining projects here?

5. Were there temporary and permanent houses built for residents affected? Have beneficiaries transferred to the permanent houses?
6. Did the government (national, provincial, municipal/city) play a big role in helping you and your community?
7. What about the community or barangay itself? Did families here or local POs and NGOs from the barangay help the people?
8. Who helped your barangay the most?

C. Questions About Assistance and Needs

1. Could you tell us about the compensation/assistance process? How were communities/ household compensated? Can you remember who provided assistance or compensation? Were those affected compensated?
2. Were the types of assistance given appropriate for your needs? If you belong to a particular sector, e.g. women, elderly, youth, PWD, etc., do you think the types of assistance took into consideration your specific needs?
3. (If applicable) Boats and fishermen: Are there some households who were given more boats than they need? Do you think this type of assistance was appropriate?
4. What do you need most now in the community? Jobs? Infrastructure? Development?
5. What kind of projects do you need?

D. Community Resilience and Readiness

1. Two years after Yolanda, do you think that there is improvement in your barangay's situation? What are the positive changes? What are the remaining problems?
2. How will you describe the community/barangay participation and cohesion after Yolanda?
3. Are you more confident now that your community can do something about your problems? Has community capacity improved to deal with similar situations like Yolanda? How about dealing with other community problems like poverty?
4. Have you heard of the term "resilience"? For you, what does it mean? Do you think the community is "resilient"?
5. Have you heard of the term "security" or "human security"? For you, what does it mean? Do you think that your community is "secure"?
6. Thank you for your time. Do you have any questions for us?