

Dear Friends!

GESM is joining the help efforts for the typhoon victims in Leyte, Biliran, and Bantayan Island. We'll use personal contacts in the affected areas. We don't want to compete with the big international help efforts, U.S. army and planeloads of goods, but we can make a difference on a smaller and more personal scale. We can not save them all but for the ones we do, we can be sure to be effective. Logistics are still not in place, no cellphones, no electricity. Help is by far not reaching everybody. But in a couple of weeks, when the first media-hype will be over, our people in remote areas will need as much help as the people in Tacloban need today. This is when we'll step in! Let there be no misunderstanding: The Philippine Red Cross is doing a very good job, and you can safely donate to them. However, if you prefer to donate through GESM, please do so using the bank accounts below, mentioning "Help for Typhoon Victims". I shall give immediate feedback to you. What will happen with your money? In a nutshell there will be two phases.



Phase 1:

GESM students will buy relief goods at local stores, repack them in our school and send the standardized bags through the Red Cross to the affected areas. Standardized Red Cross bags contain *water, canned food, noodles, sanitary items*. Ideally, we will have raised 120000 pesos, or 2000 Euros, by **Tuesday, November 19**, when the repacking will take place. We already have raised 1000 Euros (thank you!!).

Last Wednesday, GESM students went to the British School Manila to help out with their re-packing (see pictures).





Phase 2:

Once better communication is available with our people in the affected areas, GESM students will start their help through personal channels. These include the Kawayan Women's Organization in Biliran, covering 12 barangays, the School of the Seas in Bantayan Island, and more. We don't want to rush! Once the first help-wave is over, we can make a difference by helping people who have been forgotten. All the money given to us after Tuesday, November 19, will therefore be channeled through our own personal contacts to help people who will have not been helped by anybody else. The list of trusted organizations who can deliver such information will be extended within the next weeks, and you will be regularly informed about the development. We are just at the beginning.

Thank you,

Christoph Grandt

Donation accounts:

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-Kto 162838504-

Germany:

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-UNIONBANK-
-(Paranaque Branch)-
-Manila, Philippines-
-Bank Code: UBPHPHMM-