

Mobile Health Care Service

A pilot health care project for older and vulnerable people in Haiyan-affected communities in the Philippines.

Poverty and access to health care are major challenges for older and vulnerable Filipino people.*

In 2013, Typhoon *Yolanda* (Haiyan) brought severe disruption to the lives of people in the Visayas region, and particularly affected older people.



An estimated **\$89 million** worth of damage to properties



6,300 casualties



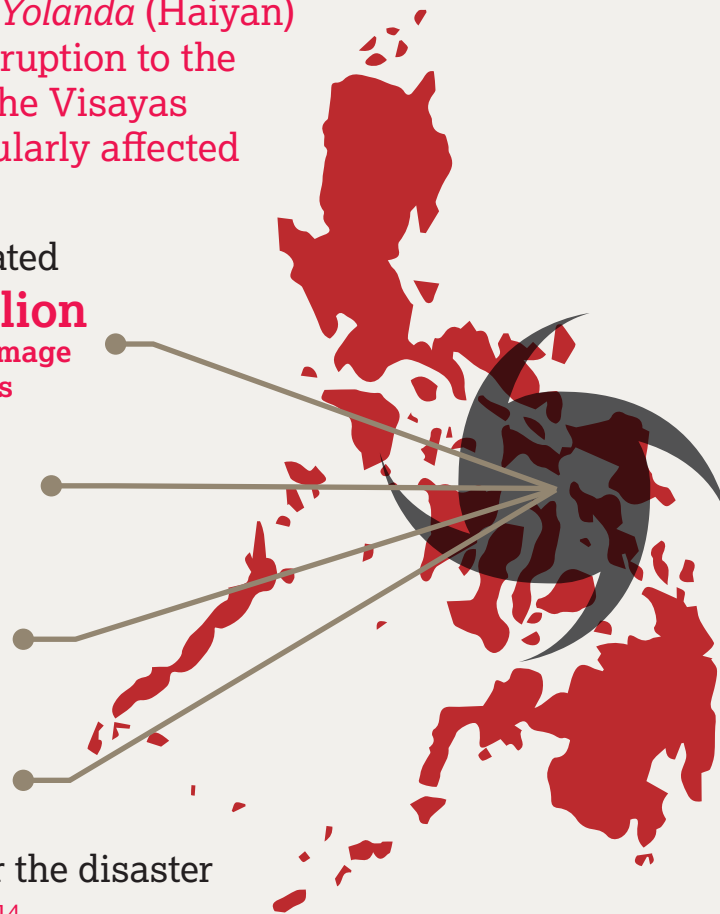
more than **28,000** injured



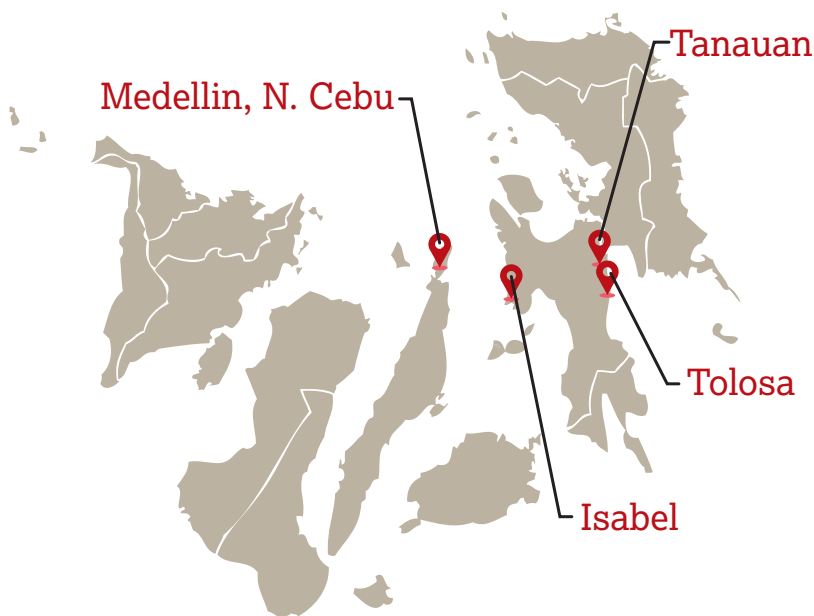
1,000 missing

was recorded after the disaster

Source: NDRRMC, April 2014



In response, **HelpAge International and Coalition of Services of the Elderly (HelpAge-COSE)** partnered with the local government units to deliver a community-based **Mobile Health Care Service** in municipalities and cities of **Leyte and North Cebu**.



Mobile Health Care Service aims to provide basic health care to the community, with a particular focus on older vulnerable people. Visiting older people in their homes by making health services closer and more accessible, especially those living in remote and mountainous areas, who are unable to visit health centres due to physical and financial limitations.

Over **13,000** older persons receive health care services.**



 = 1,000 persons

The **Mobile Health Care Service** was introduced in four municipalities: **Medellin (North Cebu)**, and **Isabel, Tanauan and Tolosa in Leyte**.

* Sanchez N, *The Filipino Senior Citizen: At A Glance*, 2008

** Bedridden older people are pre-identified through the help of older people's organisations and community health volunteers.

Programme components



1. Memorandum of Agreement with the Local Government Unit (LGU)

2. Registered Nurses

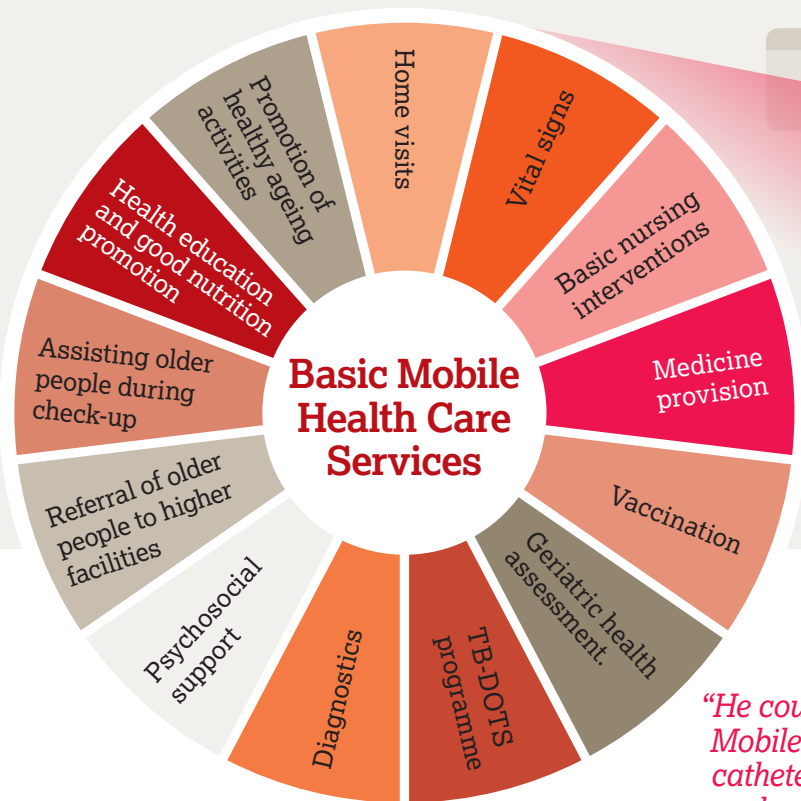
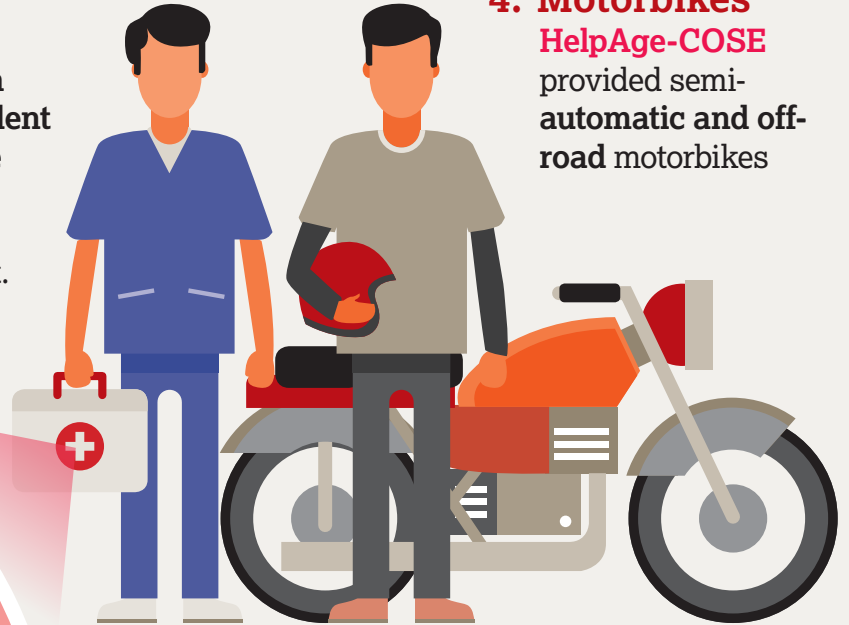
The salaries of nurses are paid by **HelpAge-COSE** and the **LGU**. They are equipped with sets of uniforms, basic health kit, safety gears, accident insurance, and mobile phones with monthly airtime allowance provided by this project.

3. Drivers

Provided by the LGU, drivers are equipped with sets of uniform, safety gears, and accident insurance

4. Motorbikes

HelpAge-COSE provided semi-automatic and off-road motorbikes



Testimonials

"He couldn't walk and go to the clinic. The Mobile Health Care nurses changed his catheter every visit. Before this project, we had to travel to the provincial health centre just to have it changed."

Erlinda Sydiongco with Eleuterio Sydiongco, 82, Tanauan, Leyte



Hazel Ayne Garcia/HelpAge-COSE



Manifer Arevalo/HelpAge-COSE

"I didn't even need to go in the health centre or to the hospital whenever I experienced back and chest pain... I hope you continue supporting us [older people]."

Gaspar Dutosme, 66, Medellin, North Cebu

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"Now that the nurses constantly visit me, I don't have to worry. They check my vital signs and give me medicines, if necessary."

Perenia Montellano, 78, Talolora, Tanauan, Leyte



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