

Integrated Community-based Early Recovery Component

Livelihoods Support and Community Infrastructure (Basic Services Package)



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Needs

There is a critical need to provide immediate support to the rural poor who have lost their livelihoods so that they can resume economic activity, maximize their own initiatives and be active participants in the longer term recovery process. In order to address the affected communities' most immediate needs, livelihoods and shelter support have been provided to beneficiaries in an initial 250 villages across the five most affected townships where UNDP is working.

Activities

This assistance helps communities buy goods according to necessity, as well as basic materials to temporarily reconstruct their houses. This much-needed assistance aims at allowing beneficiaries to quick-start the revival of their livelihoods and generate income.

Under the Human Development Initiative (HDI), UNDP has been implementing and supporting community initiatives in the delta region for more than 14 years. This activity builds on the HDI, and makes use of its systems and structures, trained staff, and extensive local community networks of more than 6,000 CBOs.

The Basic Services Package (BSP) is undertaking the following main activities:

- Restoring livelihoods and shelter for the most vulnerable households, including single parent-headed households and the landless.
- Community works through cash-for-work, including rehabilitating critical social infrastructure that has been severely damaged by the cyclone, which will also help to provide short-term employment to landless households, casual labourers and others in need.
- Community capacity development and empowerment, involving building on community networks and establishing Early Recovery Committees and Self-Reliance Groups to enable participation of the communities in the identification and prioritization of their needs.
- Capacity development in the areas of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, health, disaster risk reduction, micro-enterprises and natural resource management.

Outcomes

The Basic Services Package will work towards achieving the following outcomes:

- Social safety nets and livelihoods restored for the most vulnerable households in 250 villages, expanding over 24 months to 750 villages.
- Critical community infrastructure and basic housing for the most vulnerable rehabilitated in 250 villages, expanding over 24 months to 750 villages.

Objectives

To support affected communities to repair critical social infrastructure; to support affected families to generate income to ensure food security; and rebuild community cohesion and participatory decision making, through working with village committees and other community based organizations (CBOs), such as Self Reliance Groups (SRGs) and Microfinance Groups.

Beneficiaries: An initial 250 most vulnerable villages were selected to receive immediate assistance. UNDP is planning a gradual expansion to cover 750 villages in the first year of interventions, aiming to support 750 in the second year.

Partners: CBOs, SRGs

Total Budget for 12 months: US \$18,461,288

Funds required: US \$5,129,031

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