

QUOTES FROM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EARLY RECOVERY FUND **ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES**



"The hygiene kits provided by Plan has greatly supported our need on preventing the spread of the coronavirus in our community. It was a big help for us since not all families can affords buy these items. Also, the orientation provided on the COVID-19 and WASH was important to inform people about the coronavirus and how to protect themselves. Thank you so much Plan International."

> Jocelyn 47 years old hygiene kit beneficiary



"The PHP 5000 cash assistance was a great help to our family. We were able to buy our immediate needs, such as materials for repairing our house and food during the community quarantine when we were restricted to go out to work because of the COVID-19 disease."

> Ana 43 years old cash assistance beneficiary













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"The psycho-social training greatly helped me in overcoming my trauma and fears. Before, I always remember the rumbling sound of the earthquake and I was scared to stay inside our house in the evening because it might occur again while we are sleeping. Thank you so much to Plan for the psycho-social session. I could also see among children who attended the psycho-social support session that it has relieved them of their trauma and fear caused by the earthquake."

> Irene 40 years old psycho-social facilitator, safe space volunteer





"I could say that the selection of program participant was transparent because the set of criteria was clear and the selection committee represented the marginalized sectors, including the tribal leader. With Plan, program participant can provide feedback through face-to-face, call and send text messages to a hotline number."

> Tony 53 years old, local leader













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ACTIVITIES IN LAOS





A number of development partners supported the COVID-19 Task Force to produce communications materials that were approved for reproduction and distribution by the Ministry of Health. IEC poster packages were provided to every district office and health center

"We were worried about the spread of COVID-19 because we had limited supplies and equipment in our health center. We reused our face masks many times. We even had to wash them and reuse them, which we know is not correct, but it was only option. We have a place to wash hands inside of the health center, but we didn't have any soap, and we knew that handwashing with soap was needed to kill the virus and stop transmission. Now we have extra handwashing station with soap at the entrance to the center that Plan provided for us so every visitor can wash hands properly before entering the facility. We are thankful that Plan has supported us with the essential PPE and disinfection supplies.

The first round of training we received [from Provincial Health Department] was quite broad, it focused on infection control. This refreshed training has been more practical as we learn to implement the 'new normal' – how we need to behave to stop the spread of the virus and keep ourselves, our patients and the people in the surrounding communities safe from the virus."

> The Director of Health Center



"From a Laos Resource Mobilization perspective, the EREF has proven to be a highly effective and efficient funding mechanism allowing for a timely response to emergencies in a manner that has both improved our capacity to respond and our response design quality at the same time.

This initial EREF funding has, in both cases where we accessed it, enabled us to build a wider response with funding from the other sources."

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ACTIVITIES IN INDIA AND INDONESIA

INDIA



"I had lost my books, notes and school bags in Fani Cyclone. I am very happy with Plan India to get Education Kit. With such support, I feel motivated to study. Frankly speaking, my father could have never purchased these quality materials for my education."

Pintu, Class IX

"With materials provided by Plan India, I no longer have to have to buy new stationary and other study material which was damaged in cyclone. It is like a dream to get the kits where we could not afford to buy new one. Thanks Plan India & CYSD to fulfil these dreams. I promise to give focus on my study."

Sabitri, Class X

"I will never forget the support by Plan India to us, so that our education is not affected due to cyclone. Now I promise to complete my secondary education with good score."

Tikili, Class VII

"We extend our sincere thanks to the persons and institution who have made it possible in different ways that these much needed and quality education materials reach the school in cyclone affected areas for school children like us."

Bikram, Class V

INDONESIA



"I feel so happy and cheerful participate in the Children-Friendly Spaces activities, now I am not afraid and restless again and know what and how to prepare if the earthquake struck again"

Rani, 12 years old

OUR DIRECTOR SAID.



"The EREF has been an invaluable support to emergency response across the Asia Pacific Region. It has enabled Plan teams on the ground to start humanitarian responses much more quickly.

That has meant that over 358,063 girls and boys, women and men impacted by natural hazards in Indonesia, the Philippines, Laos, and India, have had some of their basic needs met in often very challenging time."

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