

**NIPSC-LGU-NGO PARTNERSHIP:
THE YOLANDA CASE**

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ABSTRACT

This descriptive survey was conducted to determine the efforts exerted by the academe, local government units, and non-governmental organizations in the helping the people of the municipality of Estancia who were greatly affected by typhoon Yolanda last November 8, 2013. It looked into the number of households/families affected, and the assistance/ help extended by NIPSC, the LGU, and NGOs. A survey questionnaire was constructed for this purpose, validated and administered to the purposively selected heads of affected families. Frequency counts and percentages were used as statistical tools. Data revealed that about 59.26% of the total households surveyed in the Municipality of Estancia, Iloilo was totally damaged and about 40.74% was partially damaged. The roles played by the academe (represented by NIPSC), LGU, and NGOs were so enormous that it helped a lot in the fast recovery of the residents affected by the typhoon. This showed that no matter what calamity would come, its damage could be easily mitigated if the people around would extend their help and cooperate in the fast recovery of those who are affected. The number of non-government organizations that helped the victims of typhoon Yolanda was so huge that it indeed greatly helped the victims to recover from the devastation of the typhoon.

It was shown by the study that the victims of typhoon Yolanda were able to recover fast and able to stand up again after the devastation because of the concerted efforts of the academe, LGU, and NGOs. It is therefore necessary for the other organizations to give their share in the relief operations and rehabilitation of the victims of calamities. The heads of the academic institutions, of LGUs and NGOs must lead in the execution of such efforts.

Private individuals may as well take part in helping, in their own little ways, in the rehabilitation and restoration of the “lost” hope of the victims of any calamity. Their little help would surely become big in the hearts and minds of the victims. Lastly, LGUs and other government agencies must take measures in order to minimize the effect of calamities to the people by organizing disaster risk reduction and management council and educate the people on how and what to do during such disasters.