

CANADA LEADS THE WAY IN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN LUZON

Canada joined the world in extending assistance to the Philippines in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in northern Luzon on July 16, 1990.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) was the primary source of well over \$500,000 in Canadian assistance. The first disbursement of \$100,000 went to the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) through the Canadian Red Cross and the League of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies, providing medicine and shelter for the earthquake victims. This amount was immediately doubled as the Province of Ontario, through requests from the Filipino-Canadian community in Toronto, approved a similar grant of \$100,000 for earthquake relief efforts, also through Red Cross channels.

Further CIDA grants amounting to just under \$250,000 were announced by the Canadian Ambassador, Andre S. Simard, to support the relief operations of a wide range of Philippine NGOs. \$200,000 of this assistance was channelled through the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief Agency (CPAR) in Toronto to PHILDHERRA (Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas) and to the Inter-Agency Network for Disaster Response, a grouping of Philippine NGOs coordinated by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP). The remaining portion was provided to Emmanuel International for its relief efforts. In addition, the Canadian Embassy provided approximately \$3,500 in medical supplies and food directly during its consular missions following the earthquake.

Joining in this official effort, Canadian NGOs raised over \$70,000 as their own contribution to support the relief efforts of their Philippine partners.



1. Deputy Director for Planning in the CIDA Section of the Canadian Embassy, Mr Norman Macdonnell, hands over a cheque for earthquake relief to Mr Alvin Valerio, Program Officer of the PHILDHERRA through CPAR. Looking on are Arnel Gallinero, Project Officer of the PDAP and Peachy Cuenca-Forbes, Canada Fund Coordinator

2. Canadian Ambassador Andre S. Simard (seated, left) signs a P5 million Memorandum of Agreement for an Integrated Credit Facility for the Rehabilitation of Earthquake Victims with Mr Manuel P. Manahan (seated, right), Chairman of the Board, College Assurance Plan Inc., under the Embassy's Canada Fund for Local Initiatives Program. Standing from left: Georges Leclerc, CIDA Deputy Director for Operations; Peachy Cuenca-Forbes, Canada Fund Coordinator; Mary Ann Luz-Puno, CAP Liaison Officer; Rey Dizon, CAP Board Member; Norman Macdonnell, CIDA Deputy Director for Planning; and Sarada Leclerc, Women in Development Coordinator, CIDA

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From left: Eric Yendall, Ambassador Smith, Mr Thongbai and Ms Mayuree Phakdurong of the Foundation