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## NEWS RELEASE

### TVIRD Rolls-out Relief Operations for Families Hit by Crising

*250 affected families provided with essential relief goods*



*A child whose family was displaced by the recent typhoon in Zamboanga del Sur Province receives relief items – foodstuff, medicine and soaps – provided by TVIRD at ground zero. At the height of Tropical Storm Crising, the company mobilized its personnel and resources to bring immediate relief to affected communities.*

**BAYOG, Zamboanga del Sur / May 2021** - Grateful families from Bayog Municipality who were recipients of the relief operations conducted by TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc. (TVIRD) thanked company officials and personnel for their immediate response at the height of Tropical Storm Crising.

These families who come from TVIRD's beneficiary communities likewise expressed their appreciation for the much-needed aid the company distributed in their time of great need. These include food packs,

medicines, mineral water as well as detergents and bath soaps that were provided by the company on the heels of the storm that badly hit several lowland barangays.

*“Daghan kaayong Salamat sa TVIRD. Daku na ug matabang sa amo kining bugas ug linata nga among nadawat karon.”* (Thank you so much TVIRD. The rice and canned goods that we received will greatly help us),” said an unnamed recipient.

### **A natural disaster**

TVIRD Community Relations Officer Lope Dizon revealed some 250 families from Barangays Dimalinao, Kahayagan and Dipili received assistance from TVIRD directly after *Crising* battered these barangays with strong floods caused by extraordinary rainfall that lasted for almost five hours.

Earlier, PAGASA warned of “isolated to scattered flooding, including flash floods and rain-induced landslides” in vulnerable areas. Specifically for Zamboanga del Sur, this is not the first time that a natural disaster of this magnitude brought savage destruction to homes and farmlands.

In a succeeding bulletin, the agency placed the province under Storm Signal No. 1 along with the rest of the Zamboanga Peninsula but stated that *Crising* unleashed heavy rains causing floods to many lowland barangays.

### **At Ground Zero**

Barangay Dimalinao was hit the hardest and is considered as *Crising*’s ground zero. Residents fled for safety as floodwaters swept away 11 houses and submerged rice lands.

While the town’s Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) reported no casualties, the local government is “still assessing the damage that *Crising* brought to the agricultural sector,” Dizon said.

Meantime, TVIRD’s team of volunteers is on standby and ready to respond to the immediate needs of the affected communities.

### **Immediate actions**

Aside from food assistance, TVIRD also mobilized its Engineering Team to repair the five-kilometer access road connecting Barangays Pulang Bato and Dimalinao to the town center, according to Dizon.

He further explained that a portion of the road was damaged due to landslides and scouring.

Presently, TVIRD's Community Relations Team is preparing more relief goods for distribution to families mostly affected in the towns of Diplahan, Imelda, Siay and Kabasalan. The company's engineers are also preparing to perform earthworks on the relocation site of houses, a daycare center and Dimalinao's barangay hall.

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**Press photos:**



*A Community Relations associate of TVIRD turns-over relief goods and drinking water to a member of its community a day after Tropical Storm Crising unleashed torrential rains on Zamboanga del Sur.*



*TVIRD's Community Relations personnel are joined by Dimalinao Barangay Chairman Cheryl Dunol (2nd from left) while distributing food packs to victims of Typhoon Crising. The team is composed of Community Facilitator Crisel Guilingan, Miriam Embate, Marvin Edal and Diana Baro.*



*A family who was evacuated to Dimalinao Elementary School sorted out the food packs provided by TVIRD, which immediately responded with relief efforts. Barangay Chairman Cheryl Dunol acknowledged TVIRD's immediate response to the needs of her constituents.*



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