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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating twenty years of transforming vulnerable communities we aim to strengthen our capacity to respond quickly and effectively to disasters. The establishment of our 20th Anniversary Impact Fund will allow us to mobilise our teams and resources promptly, minimising the response time and helping those in need more efficiently.

In addition to immediate relief efforts, the fund also focuses on long-term sustainability and preparedness through supporting outreach campaigns to raise awareness on the need for disaster preparedness and resilience in communities at risk. Contributions may also be utilised to organise fundraising events, which generate financial resources to improve community programs aimed at fostering long-term sustainability.

Join us to make an impact! Co-fundraise with us or generate your own fundraising ideas within the work place as a CSR initiative, strengthen neighbourhood bonding or start a community building group.

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## LOCAL OUTREACH



Millenia Institute Social Bazaar

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We appreciate the opportunity to partner Millenia Institute through the Schools Values In Action Program to cultivate compassion and care for the survivors of disaster-stricken communities.

Millenia Institute's social bazaar to raise funds for humanitarian causes including Mercy Relief's 20th Anniversary Impact Fund bodes well for the young student community in Singapore.

### CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair

CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair is a biennial event of dialogue and engagement in humanitarian initiatives within the region.

The Humanitarian Forum brings together eminent local and international speakers, to share their insights and experience on various humanitarian topics.

The Humanitarian Fair provides a platform for CHARIS member organisations and partners including Mercy Relief who presented a showcase of their disaster relief aid operations and post-disaster sustainability programs over the last two decades.



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## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Post-disaster project: Increasing Resiliency of Typhoon Rai Affected Communities in Siargao Island

*Philippines, Typhoon Rai 2021*

Typhoon Rai affected more than 7.7 million persons in the Philippines, leaving many displaced and homes destroyed. Mercy Relief worked with our ground partner Center for the Development of Indigenous Science and Technology Inc (also known as SIKAT) to provide humanitarian assistance to the underserved and marginalised households and communities affected by Typhoon Rai.

The project was implemented between October 2022 to January 2023 in 5 out of 9 municipalities of Siargao Island. It involved the restoration and rehabilitation of WASH facilities, the provision of emergency livelihood support, and the enhancement of local government emergency response capacity to 863 households.

The village of Sitio Lawigan in Socorro municipality is one of the beneficiaries of this project. Before Typhoon Rai landed, there was limited water supply for washing, cleaning, and drinking, with 55 households, or an estimated 250 villagers, sharing a single hose. The project provided the villagers with a water tank to collect and store rainwater and also added water hoses to houses that were further away from the tank. This allowed villagers access to a convenient source of clean water. The project also included a communal toilet for the villagers to cater to households without toilet facilities.



Water Tank in Sitio Lawigan



Communal Toilets in Sitio Lawigan

