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GOAL's 2013 humanitarian focus continued to build on and strengthen the work of previous years, concentrating on emergency preparedness, resilience, disaster risk reduction and responding to sudden onset and chronic humanitarian crises in new and existing programme countries.

In all its humanitarian responses, GOAL is committed to saving lives, alleviating suffering and restoring and maintaining the dignity of the local population. In order to achieve these commitments, GOAL continues to invest in both the ability to react quickly and effectively, and in the ability to implement humanitarian programmes that are context-appropriate and respond to the identified needs of a community. These commitments are reflected in the broad range of humanitarian activities undertaken by GOAL in 2013; each deliberately selected to reflect the individual needs of the targeted community.

Wherever possible, GOAL designs humanitarian responses that support and empower a community's own response and increases their ability to withstand future shocks and stresses. In 2013, this approach was visible in the range and number of community groups, faith-based organisations, local non-government organisations and local authorities GOAL engaged with as partners in the design, implementation and monitoring of humanitarian programming.

Sadly, 2013 proved to be a very busy year for GOAL's humanitarian programmes, with GOAL teams responding to several humanitarian crises. These included conflict in Syria, South Sudan and Kenya, food insecurity in Ethiopia, and a natural disaster in the Philippines.

Disaster in the Philippines

When Typhoon Haiyan struck the **Philippines** on 8th November it swept across eight islands and destroyed virtually everything in its path. More than 6,000 people were killed, four million were left homeless and more than 14 million people affected in total.

GOAL responded immediately to the disaster, dispatching an emergency response team to the islands to assess the extent of the damage and lay plans for helping the people most affected. We concentrated on some of the worst-hit areas on the islands of Leyte and Panay.

In the days following the typhoon, over 11,400 families received assistance from GOAL through the distribution of crucial emergency supplies including plastic sheeting, rope, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, buckets, aqua-tabs and mosquito nets.

“Everything was destroyed. It is very difficult to restore a home. We are very, very thankful that GOAL came into our community. I want to thank them for helping us stand again.”

Julie, one of the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the town of Capiz in the Philippines, where GOAL distributed emergency aid and shelter.

Throughout November and December, GOAL provided almost 57,000 people across the two islands with emergency supplies, including food and non-food items.

We followed these distributions with cash transfer and cash-for-work programmes on Panay Island. The cash-for-work programme reached 2,912 individuals and focused on debris clearance along the coastal regions, while the unconditional cash transfer project targeted 658 extremely vulnerable households, primarily those with elderly persons, or persons with disabilities. In addition, 187 fishermen received a conditional cash transfer for the repair of their non-motorised boats.

On Leyte Island, GOAL partnered with the World Food Programme to distribute a monthly ration of 10kg of rice to 54,000 people, a project that continued throughout January and February 2014.

With the support of Mercy Corps, GOAL provided shelter recovery kits to 600 families. These kits contained 20 sheets of corrugated iron, nails, hurricane strapping and an unconditional cash transfer of 3,000 peso (approximately €50). A post-distribution monitoring assessment conducted in January indicated that a significant proportion of this cash transfer was allocated to the procurement of coco lumber and labour to construct the frame for the house.

Ongoing conflict in Syria

GOAL continued to respond to the needs of some of the millions of people affected by

the ongoing conflict in **Syria**, which continued throughout 2013. Over the course of the year, the Syria programme developed to become GOAL's largest ever, providing water, sanitation and hygiene; food and non-food items, and shelter assistance to hundreds of thousands of vulnerable people.

We worked in Northern Syria with internally displaced people who have been forced to flee their home areas because of the violence, and with host communities who are themselves under extreme pressure. During the year,

our food assistance programmes supported approximately 250,000 individuals each month, while almost 200,000 people benefitted from non-food item kits and voucher programmes.

We established a project to restore water pumping stations, bringing clean water to 330,000 individuals. During the winter, we provided thousands of blankets, warm clothes and floor mats, while we also



People forced from their homes by inter-tribal conflict in a neighbouring county await registration by GOAL in Jonglei State, South Sudan. GOAL supported more than 10,000 people displaced by this conflict with emergency health and nutrition services.

delivered housing repairs and heating fuel vouchers to 500 families during the cold months, helping them enjoy a more secure and warmer place to call home.

Escalating problems in South Sudan

GOAL continued to care for thousands of people in **South Sudan** who fled to Maban County in Upper Nile State, as a result of conflict in the neighbouring state of Blue Nile (in Sudan). During the year, we extended our emergency response programme to host communities, internally displaced people and refugees. As part of this, we provided health, nutrition, water and sanitation services to approximately 38,000 people at Batil refugee camp.

After an inter-tribal conflict erupted in Akobo County in Jonglei State, GOAL supported more than 10,000 IDPs in neighbouring Ulang County with emergency health and nutrition services.

Food insecurity in Ethiopia and Malawi

With food insecurity a persistent feature of the humanitarian landscape in **Ethiopia**, we continued to implement a complex, multifaceted, geographically diverse emergency response programme that saw almost 1.3 million people receive nutritional education and just under 22,000 people treated for malnutrition. We helped local health authorities vaccinate 286,000 children for measles and 40,500 families for Dengue fever.

As a result of cyclical food insecurity that characterises areas of Nsanje during the lean period before a new

harvest, GOAL partnered with the World Food Programme in **Malawi** to provide monthly food entitlements to more than 55,000 people. We also supported a cash transfer programme that enabled 23,000 people to purchase food, whilst also supporting the local market.

Responding to refugees

The **Ethiopia** team provided water, sanitation and hygiene services to 40,000 refugees who were forced to flee insecurity in the Moyale area of Kenya. This included the delivery of food aid to almost 9,500 pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children under five years of age. We also treated for malnutrition 20,280 refugees at Berhale in the Afar Region, and Dollo Ado in the Somali Region.

“The vouchers helped us so much because we didn’t have anything - potatoes, sugar, ghee, even slippers. The vouchers allowed us to buy all of them... Thanks to GOAL for the vouchers... they helped us forget our suffering.”

Fatema and Sammi Mistow, beneficiaries of a GOAL voucher programme in northern Syria.

Our work with refugees and IDPs

Refugees and internally displaced persons (people who, unlike refugees, have not crossed an international border to find sanctuary and as a result have fewer rights under international law) are among the world's most vulnerable people.

Figures released for 2013 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) showed that the number of people forced to flee their homes across the world exceeded 50 million for the first time since the Second World War.

The figures are an increase of six million over the previous year; this has been driven mainly by the conflict in Syria, which at the end of 2013 had forced 2.5 million people to flee their country and displaced another 6.5 million internally.

GOAL cares for hundreds of thousands of refugees and IDPs every year, and 2013 was no different. In **Syria**, for example, we provided water, sanitation and hygiene; food and non-food items, and shelter assistance to 650,000 displaced and vulnerable people.



Two young brothers, Muhammad (9) and Badir (6) play on the remains of the former home in northern Syria where their entire family was killed by a bomb. GOAL provided assistance to approximately 650,000 vulnerable people in Syria during 2013.

Ethiopia operates an 'open-door' policy to refugees and continues to cater for hundreds of thousands of people across several locations. Last year, the GOAL Ethiopia team provided water, sanitation and hygiene services to 40,000 refugees who were forced to flee insecurity in the Moyale area of **Kenya**, while we also treated for

malnutrition a total of 20,280 Eritrean and Somali refugees at Berhale in the Afar Region, and Dollo Ado in the Somali Region, respectively.

In **South Sudan**, we provided health, nutrition, water and sanitation services to approximately 38,000 Sudanese refugees at Maban County in South Sudan's Upper Nile State, while we supported more than 10,000 IDPs in Ulang County with emergency health and nutrition services.

Figures at the start of the year showed that 347,000 people whose homes were destroyed in the 2010 **Haiti** earthquake were still living in displacement camps in the capital, Port-au-Prince and the nearby town of Gressier. As part of our work in 2013, we helped 586 families move to safer homes, and helped 385 families repair and return to their damaged homes.

After more than four million people were left homeless in the **Philippines** in November, following the destruction caused by Typhoon Haiyan, we provided 80,000 people with food, shelter and emergency supplies in less than two months.



Marissa Tanada - pictured here in the destroyed remains of her family home on Leyte Island in The Philippines with children Bea Caryl, Mark Gino, Jerico, Angelica Solene, Ryan Jul and Justin - received a GOAL emergency shelter kit from GOAL in the immediate days following Typhoon Haiyan.