

Integral Hub Office Established to Support Response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

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Typhoon Haiyan reached landfall on 8th November, and since then 18 Integral Members have been responding bringing relief to the most affected areas. Eight Members are involved operationally, either directly or through partners, and ten are supporting the response through private and institutional fundraising.

Integral has facilitated eight teleconferences to date. As well as communicating to ensure effective coordination, there has also been a strong desire expressed from Integral Members to see coordination taken to the next level. With this in mind, a Terms of Reference has been agreed upon for an Integral Hub that will house a multi-agency Integral team in the Philippines. Members have pledged support for this in the form of funds and/or staff.

Integral Member World Concern mobilised Chris Sheach, their Deputy Director of Disaster Response, to support the formation of the Integral Hub. Chris arrived in Manila on November 14, and connected with fellow Integral Members Medair, Food for the Hungry, Tearfund UK, Tear Netherlands and World Renew. Five Integral Members have sent staff as part of the Hub set up team - and Integral is recruiting a team of six to take over staffing the Hub for an initial six month period. This new team will cover logistics, monitoring and evaluation, partner coordination, finance, information management and communications.

Chris Sheach says, "The geographic complexity of working on an archipelago means coordinated efforts yield faster results. The Hub maximises the technical specialties of each Integral Member, and brings these together to facilitate the work of our Members, our partners and the local church."

Jan Eyre, Integral's Disaster Management Coordinator, says, "Establishing an Integral Hub in the Philippines is a very significant development for Integral. As well as increasing efficiency through sharing resources, we can also work closely to support our partner organisations, linking them into the international coordination mechanisms, such as the UN Cluster system, and potentially providing funding for those who cannot access it from elsewhere. It will also enable us to stand alongside and encourage the local church in their response within their communities. It is very important to us that our partnership extends to, and serves, local churches, community groups and organisations that were there long before we arrived and who will remain there long after our work is completed."

Jan continues, "We are so encouraged by the generous giving of our Members in time, people and resources towards establishing this Hub, and are confident that it will bring a new depth to our working together in disasters."

[Click here](#) for the latest news about Typhoon Haiyan.

All Integral Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and Integral has developed an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#) amongst its 19 Members.

Integral's website: www.integralalliance.org

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTEGRAL

Integral has 19 Members who work in over 85 countries and currently fund over 1100 projects in more than 30 sectors. Our Members have a combined income of over \$675m USDs and are:

[Baptist World Aid Australia](#) – **Australia**

[CEDAR Fund](#) - **Hong Kong**

[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA**

[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**

[MAP International](#) - **USA**

[Medair](#) – Switzerland

[Missions Alliance](#) - **Norway**

[Mission East](#) - **Denmark**

[SEL France](#) - **France**

[TEAR Australia](#) – **Australia**

[Tear](#)- **Netherlands**

[Tearfund](#) – **Belgium**

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[Tearfund](#) – **UK**

[World Concern](#) - **USA**

[World Relief Canada](#) - **Canada**

[World Relief](#) – **USA**

[World Renew](#) - **Canada & USA**

The Integral Disaster Relief Process:

Integral Members have developed a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters as Integral, with the Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need.

In disaster situations Integral Members have previously collaborated in:

2013: Cyclone Mahasen (Bangladesh), North India Flooding (Utterakhand), Syrian Crisis, and Tropical Cyclone Phailin (East India), Typhoon Haiyan (The Philippines)

2012: South Sudan (displacement), Philippines Flooding, Democratic Republic of Congo (displacement)

2011: Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

2010: Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods

2009: Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters

2008: Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods

2007: Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis

2006: Indonesia Earthquake

2004: Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami

Integral Vision:

- Integral's vision is a world without poverty.
- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral's main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.
- Integral is committed to working with the Micah Network and the World Evangelical Alliance to ensure that excellence is championed and collaboration encouraged within our wider constituencies.

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