

Voices OF HOPE

Philippines

In July 2022, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Abra province in the Philippines, causing landslides and flash floods that devastated infrastructure and essential water systems. The Barangay Ballayangon communities of Pugo, Topap, and Agimitan were severely affected, losing their access to clean water.

In response, the Cordillera Disaster Response and Development Services (CorDis), with funding from the Canadian Embassy in Manila, partnered with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) to rebuild these water systems. By spring 2023, community members, in collaboration with local organizations, including the Bangowan Farmers' Association (BAFA), had constructed four new water systems. These systems provided clean water to 81 families directly and an additional 69 families indirectly, benefiting 150 families in total across 114 households, as well as an elementary school and daycare center.

Rosemarie Lingbawan, chairperson of the BAFA organization, expressed gratitude, noting how the new water systems have eased the burden on women who previously struggled to fetch potable water.



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