

Village project for displaced E. Samar fishermen launched

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Dolores, Eastern Samar – Last Sunday saw the groundbreaking and laying of time capsule for the first village to be built for displaced fishermen in Eastern Visayas, that is, in island barangay Hilabaan, in this coastal municipality.

Dolores Mayor Emiliana P. Villacarillo and Rotary Club of Makati-Dasmarinas President Lia O. Francisco led the groundbreaking and time capsule laying of the fishermen's village project named the Estee Lauder-RCMD Village.



SHELTER RELIEF FOR DISPLACED FISHERMEN – Rotary Club of Makati-Dasmarinas President Lia O. Francisco shovels soil to cover a time capsule buried on the ground during the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Estee Lauder-RCMD Village at Brgy. Hilabaan, Dolores town, Eastern Samar last Sunday morning as Dolores Mayor Emiliana Villacillo and officers of the Rotary Club-Makati-Dasmariñas Village along with barangay officials and beneficiaries look on. The village project is the first in Eastern Samar for fishermen in the province who were displaced by super typhoon Yolanda (Nestor L. Abrematea)

Villacarillo said the municipal government of Dolores purchased the 6,947 hectares private and coconut land for the village project on which will be built 49 houses of fishermen whose houses were washed out at the height of super-typhoon Yolanda last November 8, 2013.

She said the Rotary Club donated cash for the purchase of construction materials at P37,000 per house while the lot came from the Dolores local government unit and, while the beneficiaries of the houses will be the ones to construct the houses as their counter part.

“I want this to be established as a first fishing village in the entire region wherein the fishermen can showcase their livelihood. We will also provide a community center and educational facilities for their children and later convert them into a cooperative to market their products,” Villacarillo said.

She said the cost per house is lesser because there is enough sand and gravel available in the barangay, along with coconut trees to be cut as well as logs which have been washed inland at the height of the Yolanda howler.

Each of the fishermen-beneficiaries also received a fishing boat and fishing nets to replace what they have lost.