

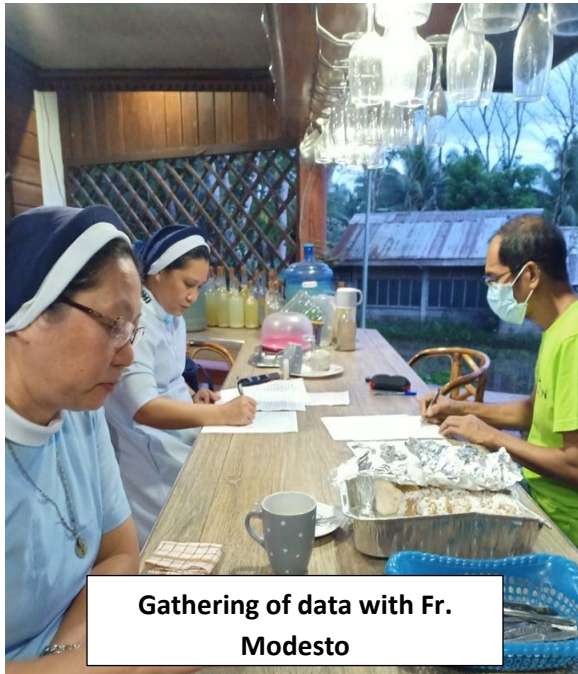
MERCY ADOPTS A COMMUNITY

The present global situation never hindered people's generosity, the Douglas Fund through Mercy International Association (MIA) offered a special grant to the Sisters of Mercy Philippines to help the people who have been a victim of the recent



The BOOTS Sisters

Typhoon. On January 4-8, 2021 despite the difficulty of travel protocol in different areas, three courageous Sisters of Mercy namely Sr. Jean Delgado, RSM, Sr. Derby Mercado, RSM and Sr. Kristine Marie Violango, RSM find their way to reach out to the people in Rosario, Agusan del Sur, who were victims of the Flood due to Typhoon Vicky (Krovanh) that hit the place last Dec. 18, 2020, damaging properties, livelihood and even houses of a number of families leaving some of the residents homeless .



Gathering of data with Fr. Modesto

Together with Fr. Modesto Malandac, O.Carm the Parish Priest of Rosario, he called this special mission as "SAGOP KATAWHAN" (Adopt a Community). The sisters was able to visit the actual area, and was able to gather important data, they found out that there are 38 families whose house were totally damaged, some were carried away by the flood. There are 20 families whose houses are partially damaged, some lost

their roof others lost their walls. On the other hand, most of the people in the area are really need of basic commodities. After the gathering of data, the sisters with the help of some church volunteers purchased and packed the goods. The next thing they did was they distribute the coupon to the people, that said coupon served as their claimed slip.



On January 8, the people were gathered at the church for the distribution of the goods but before it happened Fr. Modesto oriented the people on what to do, emphasizing the observant of proper distancing, wearing of mask and most of all He also reminded the people of their accountability as guardian and protector of our common home.





The distribution went well, there were 500 families who received food packed and a total of 58 families received the materials for rebuilding and repairing of their house respectively. The Sisters of Mercy - Philippines is truly grateful to MIA for the trust and for the help extended. It really answered the needs of the people... As sisters of Mercy we become true to the words of our Foundress, Catherine McAuley ***"The poor needs help today not tomorrow or next week"***