**Spoken**: [inaudible]

**Spoken**: My house was washed away.

**Spoken**: Four of my nephews died during Typhoon Haiyan including their mother.

**Spoken**: Just a snap - the water level goes high.

**On screen**: 1.1 Million houses damaged or destroyed

**On screen**: Luiza Carvalho – Resident Coordinator – UNDP

**Luiza**: [inaudible]

**Xavier**: 5 times.

**On screen**: 108 Shelter Cluster partners are responding to shelter needs

**Natividad**: At that point in time we needed all the assistance we could get.

**On screen**: Region VIII: Leyte, Samar and Tacloban City, Philippines

**On screen**: Natividad G. Sequito – Regional Programme Coordinator – Department of Social Welfare and Development

**Natividad**: It was the time that we needed to come up with an organizational structure for shelter in the SWD [Department of Social Welfare and Development] to immediately respond to the needs.

**On screen**: IFRC convenes the Shelter Cluster in the event of a natural disaster

**On screen**: Xavier Génot – National Coordinator – Shelter Cluster

**Xavier**: The cluster mechanism is to support the government; to liaise government response with humanitarian response.

**On screen**: Technical Guidance – Information Management – Advocacy – Coordination

**Spoken**: What does that first one include?

**Aaron**: It basically is trying to get a foundation.

**On screen**: Aaron Anderson – Shelter Manager – Save the Children

**Aaron**: Having people that I can come and sit down [with] and say, “Hey, this is what I'm considering – do you think this is a good idea?”, and getting feedback. That's what I find most important

**On screen**: Warren C. Ubongen – Disaster Risk Reduction and Shelter Specialist – UN Habitat

**Warren**: I'll put everything in place in terms of coordination at the board and the national and the local levels.

**On screen**: Joshua Kyller – Emergency Coordinator – Catholic Relief Services

**Joshua**: And if that sort of coordinating body didn't exist, we would need to come up with another way to fill that need.

**On screen**: Dave Hodgkin – National Technical Coordinator – Shelter Cluster

**Dave**: I think one of the most important roles that we've had is trying to help agencies to strategize themselves about how they can best assist, and to provide some guidance on what's appropriate – while at the same time trying to ensure some equity or equitability between the work that they're doing.

**Joshua**: It makes sense for us to have some sort of an avenue in which to speak with one voice, to reduce confusion, but also to add some gravity to what we want to express.

**Spoken**: And [through] coordination with the alliance, with the shelter cluster, the mayor finally agreed that we go with our self-recovery assistance in Tacloban.

**On screen**: Walter Cotte, Under Secretary General, Programme Services – International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**Walter**: We are improving our external alliances, our ciliary role with the rest of the humanitarian system, but also we are improving our own understanding of our real and potential capacities.

**Spoken**: IFRC, I think, have done a lot here during the Yolanda response, and they did well.

**Natividad**: We recognize that they are important partners in developing resiliency.

**On screen**: Pablo Medina – Deputy Global Shelter Coordinator – Shelter Cluster

**Pablo**: The leadership role of the shelter cluster for IFRC provides us with an opportunity to increase our sphere of influence, and also to increase the impact that our response has on the needs of the affected population. It provides us a space to carry out humanitarian diplomacy in action, and to train. The Red Cross as a key component of the humanitarian system.

**On screen**: Shelter Cluster Philippines has 108 partners – 69 of our partners have provided emergency shelter – 92 are providing support to self-recovery initiatives

**On screen**: The Shelter Cluster Philippines would like to thank the following donors for their support: