Corporate Philanthropic Disaster Response in the Eyes of a Filipino Entrepreneur

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ABSTRACT

Large, publicly listed companies are usually reported to be first responders to calls to

share their intellectual and material resources during times of disaster. Less documented are

contributions of small and medium-sized private firms that participate in disaster response

activities. Since these firms are not under public scrutiny, there are reasons other than corporate

image or institutional pressure to share part of their resources. This study provides an alternate

viewpoint of the thought and decision-making process of a Filipino couple whose family

business provided logistical support in the weeks following typhoon Haiyan. It appears that the

couple's personal and moral values allowed them to allocate more resources than their regular

budget for philanthropic activities to reach out to typhoon Haiyan victims.

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