



Building Storm Resistant Houses Vietnam

The urban poor living in Da Nang City, Vietnam, are highly vulnerable to storms and floods because their homes are often poorly constructed and maintained, and families frequently struggle to recover from storm damage due to low income and rising costs.

In order to increase the urban poor's resilience to the effects of climate change, the Women's Union in Da Nang administers a revolving loan to make their homes resistant to storms. The *Building Storm-resistant Houses* initiative has helped hundreds of lower-income households rebuild and repair their houses.

A typhoon hit the region in 2013, proving that the renovated homes are in fact saving lives and preventing damage. All of the 245 houses covered under the project (except one under construction) withstood the effects of Typhoon Nari, which caused USD 4.8 million in housing damage to the city.

Key facts

- The activity has helped 245 lower income households to rebuild and repair their houses with an approximate budget of USD 248,000
- The urban poor living in 8 vulnerable wards in Da Nang City are now more resilient to the storms that are increasing in frequency and intensity due to climate change.
- 320 households have reinforced or reconstructed their homes in the first three years and up to 420 households will have made their homes resistant to typhoons and floods by 2017

More information

High-resolution images and infographics are available for download at:
<http://bit.ly/1xVnHKj>

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