



BIKE SCOUTS PHILIPPINES is a team of volunteer bicycle messengers that provide an alternative means of communication in places that are isolated by road closures and the loss of internet and telephone service in the aftermath of natural disasters. The work of Bike Scouts Philippines is a community approach to disaster response that has proven invaluable in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda in 2013 and other events. Beyond its work in disaster response, Bike Scouts Philippines is also a growing community of volunteers involved in social good and the promotion of community-based disaster preparedness. ☁️ ☁️ 🏠 🏠 🏠



OUR CORE PURPOSE as a disaster response organization is to serve as volunteer bicycle messengers in the aftermath of natural disasters when communication and road access becomes unavailable. We gather survivor data that can be useful for aid agencies, we collect personal messages from evacuees that need to get in touch with friends and relatives, and we deliver critical emergency supplies to isolated places. As a community of volunteers, we employ technology, media and data partnered with the mobility of bicycles to promote disaster preparedness in communities where it matters.

Bring courage where it is needed, hope where there is none

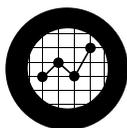




The CORE ADVOCACY of Bike Scouts Philippines is about the role of communication, information, and data in giving people hope through knowledge and awareness. We believe in creating a genuine connection between people and technology where the connection is needed most, in daily life and in the aftermath of natural disasters.



COMMUNITY-BASED DISASTER RESPONSE The most important work of the Bike Scouts is to establish “localized” Bike Scouts teams in communities across the Philippines. Having a local volunteer team serve its own community is the most effective way to make sure that people are able to help themselves in the aftermath of natural disasters, we believe that resiliency is a result of helping communities become their own disaster response managers and first responders. At present, localized Bike Scouts teams have been established in places like Cebu, Leyte, Samar, Caramoan, Quezon, Laguna, and as far away as the United States. Bike Scouts Philippines was also in touch with local cyclists in Nepal to share experience in organizing community-based response in the aftermath of the earthquake that affected the country.



**SURVIVOR
DATA**



**PERSONAL
MESSAGES**



**CRITICAL
SUPPLIES**



**EVACUEE
LOCATION**





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT People like to be part of things that they believe in, people love to participate and are constantly looking for ways to do what they can with the time that they have available. Doing volunteer work is not always easy or convenient, which is why Bike Scouts Philippines constantly innovates ways for the general public to get access to content and activities that they can be a part of.



The Midnight Ride an annual community ride in different places around the Philippines, done on the eve of Christmas every year to hand-deliver small gifts to street children and the homeless who would otherwise never know what it's like to be remembered during one of the most meaningful holidays in the year. In spite of its timing, though, The Midnight Ride is not religious in nature. Bike Scouts simply recognize the fact that the Philippines being a country that celebrates Christmas passionately, there are people who do not have the means to feel the joy that others celebrate during the season.

The 1,000Km Ride Project an annual thousand-kilometer bicycle ride from Manila to Tacloban City and Calicoan Island to raise the level of awareness about the fact that there are many vulnerable communities in the Philippines, many of which are along the route of the 1,000Km Ride, that need help, knowledge, and resources in being disaster-prepared. The project takes our advocacy to the road, literally, to the places that benefit from the things we do and the broader public that plays a very important role in generating the kind of support that is needed to achieve what is necessary.





COMMUNITY TEAMS Bike Scouts is currently active in several sites around the Philippines and in California USA. Bike Scouts' community volunteer teams serve their respective communities in terms of social good initiatives and also for disaster preparedness and response, whenever there is a need for it. These teams allow Bike Scouts to have a presence in specific areas that are most vulnerable to natural disasters.



Our most recent deployment is in Colongcogong, Caramoan, Camarines Sur, an area that was severely affected by Typhoon Nina in 2016. The village of Colongcogong faces the Pacific Ocean and is often battered by typhoons that regularly damage or destroy the houses in the village that are mostly made of wood and nipa. The small community also lacks appropriate medical services, the only medical professional stationed at the community is a Bike Scouts volunteer who also serves the nurse for the community and surrounding sitios.



Bike Scouts Philippines has a permanent local volunteer team based in Caramoan.





Bike Scouts Philippines has a volunteer community in Quezon Province, working with volunteers who teach at local schools Bike Scouts is able to bring its community-based disaster preparedness to students.



Part of Bike Scouts Philippines' long-term plan to grow participation in community-based disaster preparedness involves school visits to introduce school children to the idea of becoming volunteers for their own neighborhoods. The 1,000Km Ride brings Bike Scouts to communities around Guiuan in Eastern Samar every year.





PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

GOOZAM is a supplemental first response mobile app and server infrastructure for Geovolunteers. The app allows people to hail for help from others in proximity who have the app on their mobile device, or respond as a Geovolunteer to help others.

RAPPLER is a social news network where stories inspire community engagement and digitally fuelled actions for social change. Rappler comes from the root words "rap" (to discuss) + "ripple" (to make waves).

MOVE.PH is Rappler's citizen journalism arm. It will build, nurture and engage communities that want to bring about change – through intelligent conversations and stories that can move people to act. We share skills and know-how to empower anyone with the interest and the passion to tell stories that can start a ripple and make a difference.

