Putting women in the centre of rebuilding efforts -
Key findings

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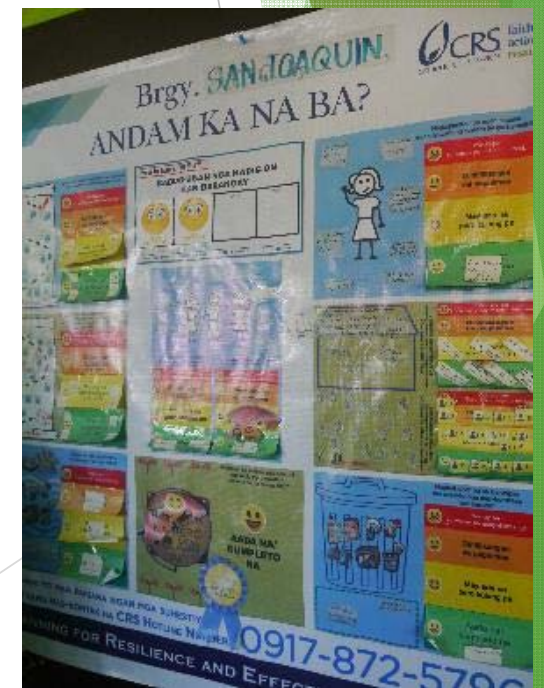University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC)

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- ▶ Welfare and risk management

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Welfare and risk management

- ▶ Vulnerability and health care needs

- ▶ Risk management during and post-disaster situations

Needs and opportunities to invest more in women

'The women in the villages are sitting around doing nothing [....] We would be grateful if there are some kind of livelihood options available to us, such as an investment to buy an oven so we can start a bakery cooperative, or a weaving cooperative, so we can weave and watch over our kids, and make money at the same time [....]' (Barangay captain, November 2016)

Livelihoods and employment

▶ Importance of diversifying household income

▶ Care responsibilities and opportunities for employment and training in the community

▶ Good practices but limited examples of programmes focusing on women – led mostly by NGOs (local and international)

Micro-lending and microfinance schemes

▶ Increased popularity of microfinance schemes post-Yolanda

▶ Gender stereotyping – *'most of them are women because they are the ones tasked by their families or husbands to join these facilities' (Barangay captain, June 2017)*

▶ Benefits (training) and challenges (poverty trap)

Policy take-away in supporting women

▶ Education for women and the general population about the risks of using microfinance services

▶ Knowledge exchange in terms of best practices from one community to another on gender-focused programmes and need for regulation

▶ Additional support for women in the community such as day care schemes and also support from governmental bodies in terms of capital, know-how and drawing up viable and sustainable business plans