**Humanitarian Technologies Project Information Sheet**

We would like to invite you to participate in our research project that looks at the role of communications technologies in the Yolanda recovery process in Tacloban, Leyte and Bantayan, Cebu. This information sheet explains what the project is about and what it means for you. Please read this information sheet carefully before you decide to take part in our research.

**Who are we?**

We are a team of researchers based in different universities in the Philippines and the United Kingdom, namely Mirca Madianou, Liezel Longboan, Jonathan Ong, Jayeel Cornelio, and Nicole Curato. Our research is supported by the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council, the Ateneo de Manila University and the University of the Philippines.

**Why are we doing this research?**

Typhoon Yolanda was one of the most destructive typhoons ever recorded in history with more than 12 million people affected and at least 6,000 casualties. We aim to find out whether communication technologies such as cellphones and social media are contributing to the recovery efforts. Our aim is to contribute new insights to the uses of technology during disasters.

**Who can take part?**

In the next few weeks we will be meeting with representatives in government, humanitarian organizations and charities, and media and technology companies involved in Yolanda recovery efforts. We want to hear about the status of different projects, particularly those that focus on the role of media and communications technologies in disaster relief. We will also interview people directly affected by Yolanda in order to record their own experiences.

**How are we going to conduct this research?**

We will ask you questions about different project initiatives that you and your organization have been involved in. The interview will last about one hour and with your permission, the interview will be tape-recorded so that we have a record of what you shared. Your participation is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw at any stage including up to three months after the interview has been completed. All information you provide will be anonymized.

**What happens after the interview?**

All notes, recorded interviews and transcripts will be stored securely and will be available only to the research team. We will analyse all the interviews we have conducted and aim to share our findings to the community, other researchers, government, international aid agencies, telecommunications companies and NGOs. We hope to contribute to improving the way we understand and implement disaster management not only in the Philippines but in other countries as well.

If you would like to know more about our research please feel free to visit our project website: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/my-esrc/grants/ES.M001288.1/read>. Please feel free to contact Mirca Madianou at [m.madianou@gold.ac.uk](mailto:m.madianou@gold.ac.uk) or Liezel Longboan at [l.longboan@gold.ac.uk](mailto:l.longboan@gold.ac.uk), mobile number 09288953860 (Smart) or 09152046776 (Globe).