The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, represented by DENR-3 Regional Director Francisco Milla, Jr., donated some 24,000 board-feet of lumber and flitches to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to be used in the ongoing rehabilitation and rebuilding of the homes of families devastated by super typhoon Lando in Region 3.

During the signing of the deed of donation held last November 5, Milla said, “Pres. Benigno Aquino III, through DENR Sec. Ramon Paje, directed us to ensure that the typhoon-blown trees would be used in aiding the typhoon rehabilitation process. At present, we have already inventoried 354 felled trees in the province of Aurora alone. However, we also took the initiative to donate the confiscated wood products we have at our disposal in order to better provide aid in rebuilding the lives of our countrymen who lost their homes to the super typhoon.”

The donated lumber and flitches, valued at PhP 840,000 are part of those seized during the agency’s anti-illegal logging operations and are being kept in the various Environment and Natural Resources Offices in Aurora, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija, reported DENR 3 Enforcement Division Chief Fred Sadueste.

According to DSWD FO3 Regional Director Gemma Gabuya, majority of the donated wood shall be used to rebuild homes in the province of Aurora, which bore brunt of the impact of the super typhoon and which suffered the most damage.