

# Ms. Jarel Aubrey U. Apelin (Philippines)

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She was born in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur Philippines on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1995. She grew up and was raised in the province of Ilocos Sur. She moved to Metro Manila to pursue a College degree. She is currently studying in St. Paul University of Quezon City and taking up the Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Back when she was living in Ilocos, it was the month of July when typhoon Perya hit Northern Luzon and signals were raised to the area. It was an experience of seeing the place merely surrounded with flood. She and her family were stuck on the second floor of their house. When the storm and the flood finally subsided, there was neither food nor water in sight; they were very hungry and thirsty then. This experience drove her to engage herself to relief operations whenever natural disasters strike an area. She assures others by extending her help by sharing her time and treasures by packing up and generously giving out relief goods to the victims of natural disasters.

This is her first time to participate in the Looking Beyond Disaster Forum. To be able to explore and engage to this new experience is one of her motivations on why she attended so. She expects that this forum may help her to think outside the box, to increase her awareness and be well equipped about disaster preparedness and risk reduction and be able to aid in rebuilding community and recovery after a disaster occurs.

Furthermore, she wants to be an agent of change and be able to make a difference. You can contact her thru her email at [jarelaubrey\\_20@yahoo.com](mailto:jarelaubrey_20@yahoo.com) or search her in Facebook "Jarel Aubrey Apelin" .

