In Numbers

2.68 million people affected¹
10 regions affected
652,336 people still displaced¹
60,000 ha of agricultural land damaged²

Highlights

• WFP is supporting the Government in its response to the devastation caused by Typhoon Odette through logistics and telecommunications support.
• WFP is transporting Family Food Packs on behalf of the Government, with 93,800 already delivered or dispatched.
• WFP is supporting the Government to re-establish communications networks, with the dispatch and setup of Mobile Operation Vehicles for Emergencies (MOVE).

Situation Update

• Typhoon Odette – international name “Rai” – made landfall in the southeast of the Philippines on 16 December.
• The typhoon has affected 2.68 million people in ten regions. The Government has declared the regions of MIMAROPA, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao, and Caraga under a “state of calamity” for a period of one year.
• Many communities along the typhoon's path remain without power or telecommunications. Transportation options are still limited, which is hampering relief efforts.
• According to the Department of Agriculture, an estimated 60,000 ha of agricultural areas have been damaged, with production loss at 87,000 mt and US$ 51 million loss in value. These figures are expected to increase as some areas remain inaccessible.
• WFP and humanitarian partners are closely monitoring the formation of another potential storm which could further impact areas already affected by Odette.

WFP Response

• WFP is supporting the Government of the Philippines in its response to the devastation caused by Typhoon Odette by providing emergency logistics and telecommunications support.

Logistics Support

• Since Odette made landfall, WFP has loaded 62 trucks carrying over 93,800 government supplied Family Food Packs to affected areas.
• WFP is delivering relief items on behalf of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to seven locations in four regions: Western Visayas (Kabankalan and Iloilo City), Central Visayas (Dumaguete, Cebu City, Bohol), Caraga (Surigao City), and to Clark Airport in Central Luzon.
• WFP has also made available two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and a generator to assist the Government in setting up an emergency logistics base in Surigao City.

1. DSWD, Report #16 on Typhoon “ODETTE” as of 22 December 2021
2. Department of Agriculture, Bulletin #14 as of 22 December 2021

©Ryan Matias. Destruction in Siargao, taken a day after landfall of Typhoon Odette in the island.

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Telecommunications

- WFP has supported the deployment of four sets of the Mobile Operations Vehicles for Emergencies (MOVE), designed and built by WFP and handed over to the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), to help re-establish communications networks which have been damaged due to the typhoon.

- The MOVE sets were deployed from pre-positioned bases in Manila, Butuan, Davao, and Tacloban to the disaster zones in the cities of Cebu, Iloilo, and Surigao. In Surigao City, the two MOVE sets were the first means to bring connectivity to the government coordination and response since the communications infrastructure was damaged by the typhoon.

- WFP also helped set up two portable ETC sets in Siargao Island and Dinagat Islands.

- WFP has donated 12 portable satellite communication devices to DICT and DSWD to help the authorities coordinate their responses in remote areas.

Assessments

- WFP will participate in an assessment led by DSWD on 23 December in Caraga, particularly Surigao City, Dinagat islands and Siargao Island.

Resourcing Update

- As part of a coordinated response by UN agencies, NGOs, and private sector partners, WFP will continue providing telecommunications and logistics support to the Government, and will require US$ 310,000 for this critical support in the next two weeks.

- WFP thanks the Government of Ireland for its contribution of EUR 250,000 to support WFP in providing critical logistics support to impacted areas.

- WFP thanks USAID for its yearly funding support of US$ 500,000 which allowed WFP to immediately provide logistics support to the Government in the aftermath of Typhoon Odette.

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Photo: WFP helps re-establish communications networks in Surigao City. © WFP/Nolieus Labrador

TYphoon ODette: WFP Logistics and Telecommunications Support

LOGISTICS SUPPORT

CENTRAL LUZON
- Clark airport, Pampanga: 9 trucks transporting 10,200 DSWD Family Food Packs, 2 Mobile Storage Units (MSU) and various relief items from GoD

CENTRAL VISAYAS
- Cebu City: 6 trucks transporting 10,000 DSWD Family Food Packs
- Bohol: 9 trucks transporting 15,800 DSWD Family Food Packs
- Dumaguete: 6 trucks transporting 10,000 DSWD Family Food Packs

WESTERN VISAYAS
- Kabankalan: 9 trucks transporting 15,000 DSWD Family Food Packs
- Iloilo City: 6 trucks transporting 16,000 DSWD Family Food Packs

CARAGA
- Surigao City: 15 trucks transporting 28,000 DSWD Family Food Packs and 1 generator set

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

CENTRAL VISAYAS
- Cebu City: 1 DICT MOVE set previously positioned in Maasin is now en route to Cebu City

WESTERN VISAYAS
- Iloilo City: 1 DICT MOVE set is en route from Manila

CARAGA
- Surigao City: 2 DICT MOVE sets at PDRRM office
- Siargao Island: 1 portable ETC set
- Dinagat Islands: 1 portable ETC set