

WFP Philippines

Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #3

31 December 2021



In Barangay Sabang in Surigao City, women clean their destroyed items they have recovered following the onslaught of Typhoon Odette. They have expressed the need for food and shelter during a rapid needs assessment in Caraga. ©WFP/Fahima Abdulaziz

In Numbers

2.4 million people in need of assistance¹

10 regions affected²

587,224 people still displaced²

61,000 ha of agricultural land damaged¹

Highlights

- Initial assessment findings reveal food as a top priority for the displaced population. WFP is exploring all avenues to secure funding for its **food security** response plan.
- WFP's **logistics** surge support to the Government continues and has mobilized 93 trucks to transport over 115,500 government-supplied Family Food Packs, and other non-food relief items to affected areas.
- WFP has expanded its support to the Government in restoring **connectivity** to seven key locations.

WFP Requirements: Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan



US\$ 25.8M

REQUIRED BY WFP



FOOD SECURITY

US\$ 20.8M REQUIRED BY WFP,

(OF THE TOTAL US\$ 34M FOR THE SECTOR)



EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

US\$ 1M REQUIRED BY WFP



LOGISTICS

US\$ 4M REQUIRED BY WFP

Management Council reported that the death toll is at 397 as of 29 December, with at least 83 missing, and 1,147 injured. Further, among the cities/municipalities that experienced power outages/interruptions, only 56 percent (161 out of 285) have been restored. Meanwhile, among those that experienced interrupted communication services, only less than a third (115 out of 371) have had services restored.

- Some transport services and logistics infrastructure in affected areas have resumed operations. The Port of Dapa (Siargao Island) is now functioning and commercial vessels are sailing from Surigao to Siargao daily. However, some ports, including Lipata Port (Surigao City), were heavily damaged and sea transport operations are facing challenges due to rough weather conditions. Access constraints are likely to be further compounded by challenging weather conditions, and this is expected to impact logistics operations.

Situation Update

- The overall extent of damages and impact caused by Typhoon Odette – international name “Rai” – has yet to be determined with assessments and clearing operations still ongoing two weeks after its onslaught. However, authorities are already anticipating a serious economic impact, especially to major tourism hubs that were among the areas swept by Odette. This will likely exacerbate the economy, which is already reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The National Disaster Risk Reduction and

WFP Response

Logistics Support

- WFP is providing transport support to the Government's response with the delivery of emergency relief items to affected areas. Since the onset of Typhoon Odette, **WFP has provided 93 trucks to the Government to transport 120,000**

¹ [Super Typhoon Odette Humanitarian Needs and Priorities](#)

² [DSWD DROMIC Report on Typhoon Odette – 31 December 2021](#)



Photo: WFP is providing transport support to the Government's response with the delivery of emergency relief items to affected areas. ©WFP/Noel delos Santos

family food packs, as well as other relief items such as hygiene kits, sleeping kits, and family kits. Relief items are being delivered to the worst-hit areas including Surigao City, Cebu City, Bohol, Iloilo City, Dumaguete City, Himamaylan City, and Southern Leyte; and to airports in Clark, Pampanga and Mactan, Cebu. Through a collaboration with the Philippine Disaster and Relief Foundation, relief items were also transported via barge from Butuan City to Palawan.

- WFP is on the ground facilitating the **setup of emergency logistics hubs**, which, after being established by WFP, will be managed by the Government. The first of the hubs is now complete and already supporting the storage, consolidation, and onward transport of government relief items in Surigao City. The locations for three other hubs are being identified in Siargao Island and Dinagat Islands. WFP has procured 12 additional Mobile Storage Units from the United National Humanitarian Response Depot in Kuala Lumpur to support with the setup of hubs and are pending delivery.
- WFP is scaling up capacity to ensure full support to the Government and is also providing operational planning and logistics support, including on the receipt and setup of MSUs and emergency logistics hubs.

Emergency Telecommunications (ETC)

- WFP expands its support to the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in **restoring connectivity services** to seven key locations, including Surigao City, Sipalay City, Alegria in Cebu, Butuan City, Siargao Island, Dinagat Islands, and Socorro Island. In addition to the four Mobile Operations Vehicles for Emergencies (MOVE) sets that were deployed, 11



MOVE sets are rapidly deployable emergency communication devices integrated into custom vehicles that enable ICT-enabled support to disaster-stricken areas. MOVE is unique to the Philippines; the global prototype having been co-built and co-designed by DICT and WFP emergency telecommunications experts over the last year. These were used for the first time in response to the impact of Typhoon Odette.

Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT) are currently positioned in strategic locations and are either operational or undergoing installation. WFP supported DICT with the configuration and test setup of these telecommunication devices. In Surigao City, WFP assisted with the configuration of equipment to provide connection for the Philippine Navy Operations Centre at the seaport.

- The Global ETC Cluster based in Dubai is providing surge support to the operations in the Philippines through the planned deployment of ETC experts on the ground.



Photo: WFP assists the Department of Information and Communications Technology in the pre-configuration and test setup of three new Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT). ©WFP/John Lobaton

Assessments

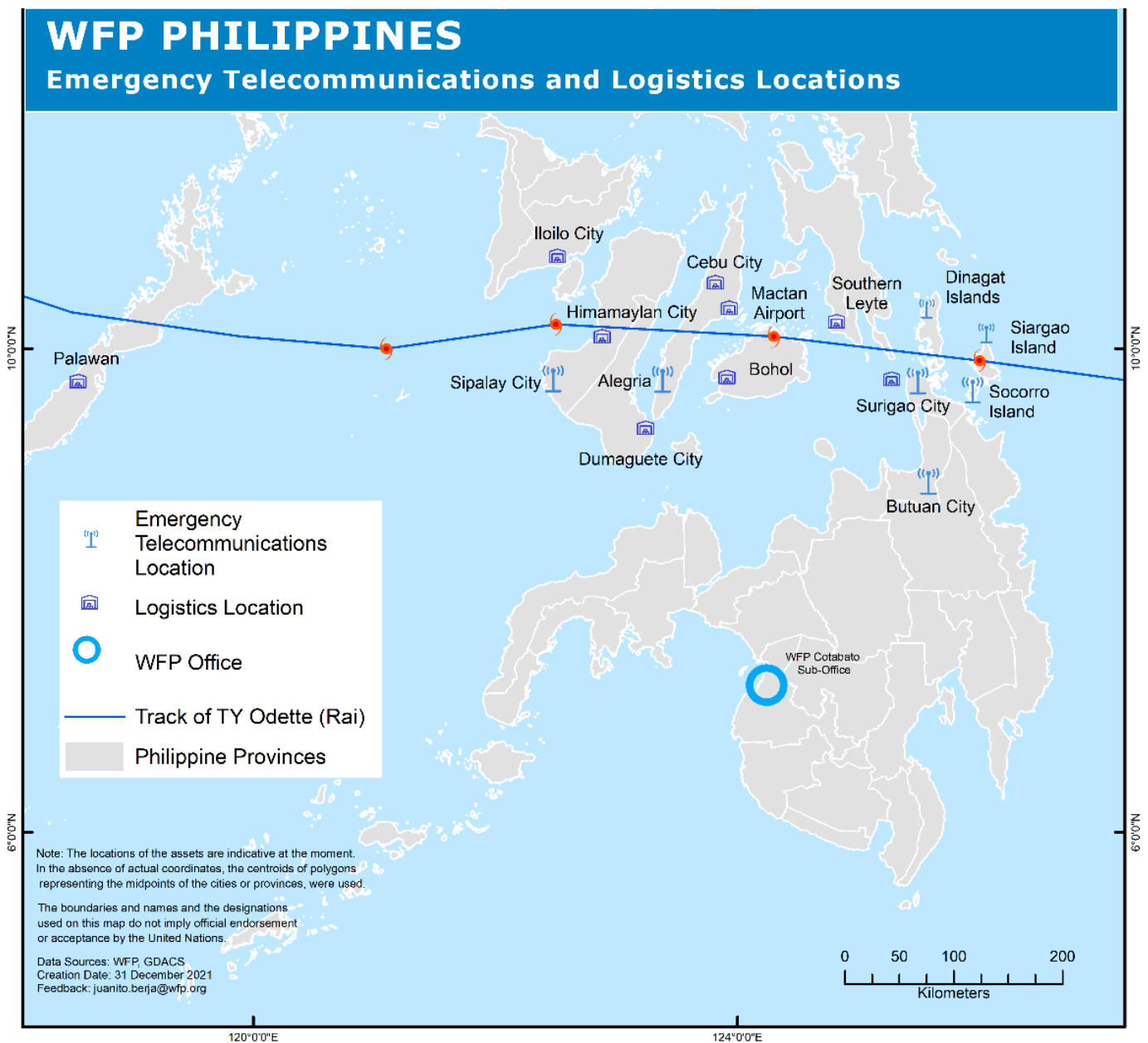
- WFP joined a **government-led rapid needs assessment** from 27 to 29 December in the Caraga Region, where some of the worst-hit areas lie, including Surigao City, Dinagat Islands, and Siargao Island. While official assessment findings are yet to be finalized and released, initial findings indicate that:
 - Food, shelter, and water are the top three priority needs according to the assessed populations. Due to a lack of food, some people have resorted to begging.
 - Agricultural livelihood was also heavily impacted, with crops and other assets almost completely destroyed after bearing the brunt of Typhoon Odette. With continuous rains in the region and destroyed fishing boats and gears, the fishing industry is also seriously affected.
 - Remittance centres, banks, and other financial institutions are still not operating due to disrupted power and internet connectivity.
 - Aside from food, some displaced populations have expressed the need for cash assistance to repairs their houses, boats, and other assets.

- Challenging weather conditions pose challenges to the flow of relief items to islands and other hard-to-reach areas.

Resourcing Update

- WFP thanks its donors, the **United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for US\$ 1 million**, the **Government of Ireland for EUR 250,000**, and private sector organizations, for contributing to WFP's operations. Likewise, WFP is grateful for **USAID's yearly funding support of US\$ 500,000** that allowed WFP to immediately provide logistics support to the Government in the aftermath of Typhoon Odette.

- WFP's global appeal through **ShareTheMeal** has reached **20 percent (100,000 meals) of its target of 500,000 meals**, as of 30 December. The proceeds will assist more than 250,000 people affected by the typhoon in the next six months. ShareTheMeal is WFP's crowdfunding app that enables individuals to directly donate to WFP's operations through just a tap in their smartphone. To help WFP reach more people whose lives and livelihoods were disrupted by Typhoon Odette, individuals can donate [here](#).
- WFP is exploring all possible avenues to secure contributions to its planned multi-sectoral emergency response covering food security, logistics, and ETC, valued at US\$ 25.8 million.



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