

WFP Philippines

Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #6

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Since the onset of Typhoon Odette, WFP has been responding to the Government's requests of transporting food and other relief items to affected provinces. ©WFP/Maitta Rizza Pugay

In Numbers

8 million people affected

11 regions affected

530,000 people in need of assistance

198,652 people still displaced

Source: [Super Typhoon Rai – One Month On: In Numbers](#) (OCHA)

Highlights

- WFP is preparing to provide food assistance to 115,000 individuals in Dinagat Islands and Siargao Island, in cooperation with the regional Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).
- The Global Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) deployed four IT experts to support shared telecommunications services in Surigao City, Maasin City, and Bohol.

Situation Update

- **One month has passed since Typhoon Odette** pummeled through 11 out of the country's 17 regions in the Philippines. Hundreds of thousands of people still urgently need food, clean water, shelter, and protection support ([OCHA](#)). The Government leads the overall response.
- A total of 8 million people were affected. The [Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan](#) requires USD 107.2 million to respond to 530,000 people in two of the most affected regions (Caraga and Eastern Visayas), and only 39 percent of this plan is currently funded.
- **More than three quarters of the 198,652 displaced people remain in evacuation centres.** The damage includes; 1.4 million houses were destroyed or damaged, **514 towns and cities suffered infrastructure damage** (i.e., power outages, water and sanitation systems, and damaged roads and bridges, and clinics), and 8,700 locations have water supplies cut off.
- The impact of Odette is comparable to Super Typhoon Haiyan (the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines), but with a significantly lower **death toll at 405** compared to Haiyan's 6,300 fatalities in 2013. This is due to the Government and local community's preemptive evacuation of people prior to landfall, saving countless lives.

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up **direct assistance to the affected population** as well as facilitating Government and humanitarian organizations' work via **telecommunications and logistics** support.
- WFP's December 2021 response plan, valued at US\$ 25.8 million, aimed to 1) provide a combination of food and cash assistance to complement the Government's distribution of food packs, 2) augment relief items transportation, and bridge telecommunication outages in impacted areas.
- **Assessments** conducted in early January prompted WFP to revise its plan to include **areas beyond Caraga region**. WFP has identified **Southern Leyte** and **Bohol** as the two hardest hit areas outside Caraga, with 80 and 71 percent of the total population respectively (approximately 1.3 million people) being severely impacted.

Food/Cash Assistance

- **WFP is preparing to distribute 1,150 mt of rice to 23,000 families (115,000 individuals) in Dinagat Island and Siargao Island** in Caraga. WFP has already procured 650 mt of rice to be delivered to Dinagat and Siargao islands in the coming days. WFP and the regional Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) signed a data-sharing agreement for the targeting and prioritization of beneficiary households based on the *Listahanan* (government's national household targeting system for poverty reduction). Non-government organization (NGO) CARE will conduct the distribution.

20.8 million); logistics support to government (US\$ 4 million); and ETC operations (US\$ 1 million).

Logistics Support

- Since Typhoon Odette struck, WFP's trucks have been on the move to ensure the Government's relief items (such as food and other essentials) reach their destinations. To date, **WFP has mobilized 198 trucks carrying more than 230,000 family food packs, hygiene kits, sleeping kits, and family kits.** These were dispatched to areas including Surigao City, Dumaguete City, Himamaylan City, Cebu, Bohol, Iloilo, Negros Oriental, Southern Leyte, Clark, Pampanga and Mactan Airbase, Cebu.
- WFP has **established its own logistics operations hub in Surigao City** to support storage for non-food items for affected areas in the coming months.
- WFP is also establishing an **emergency logistics hub to be managed by the Government in Siargao Island**, with mobile storage units (MSU). This new hub, in addition to the **first one established in Surigao City**, will store, consolidate and transport relief items.

Emergency Telecommunications

- The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and WFP's ground-breaking fleet of emergency response vehicles was used for the first time as Odette hammered the country. These Mobile Operations Vehicles for Emergencies (MOVE) sets are composed of a truck that functions as a central operations hub, a four-wheel support vehicle to extend the connectivity reach of the truck, and an off-road motorcycle that can reach difficult terrains. **Four MOVE sets were used for the first time in response to the infrastructure damages caused by Odette and restored connectivity in affected areas supporting emergency responders.** The MOVE sets, and 14 satellite communication systems are stationed in 16 sites across seven cities and islands (Surigao City; Alegria, Cebu; Carmen, Bohol; Butuan City; Siargao Island; Dinagat Islands, and Socorro Island).
- The Global Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) based in Dubai **deployed an ETC coordinator and three IT specialists** (from WFP [FITTEST](#) and Ericsson Response) to support operations. They will assist in the establishment of shared ETC services for humanitarians in Surigao City, Maasin City, and Bohol.

Resourcing Update

- WFP **launched a US\$ 25.8 million appeal** for its three-pronged response: food and cash support (US\$

- WFP thanks its donors, the governments of **Brazil, Ireland, and the United States of America; the UN Central Emergency Response Fund; and the private sector** for their combined confirmed contribution amounting to **US\$ 4.4 million** to WFP's Typhoon Odette response. WFP is grateful to the pledges (US\$ 10 million in total) made by the governments of **Australia, Canada, France, Japan, and the United States of America**, as well as the **Bank of America**.

- As of 18 January, WFP reached 70 percent (352,381 meals) of its targeted half a million meals fundraised through its [ShareTheMeal](#) campaign. This is equivalent to US\$ 281,904.

Gaps and Challenges

- The impact of the typhoon on logistics infrastructure, such as ports, is delaying the movement of relief items. This includes key ports in Southern Leyte, which serve as part of the main transport route from the north of the country to the affected areas in the south. As a result, there have been reported delays in loading and sailing of vessels, many of which are transporting relief items.
- The surge in COVID-19 cases is causing further operational challenges in humanitarian response, disrupted logistics operations and restricted movements of responders.

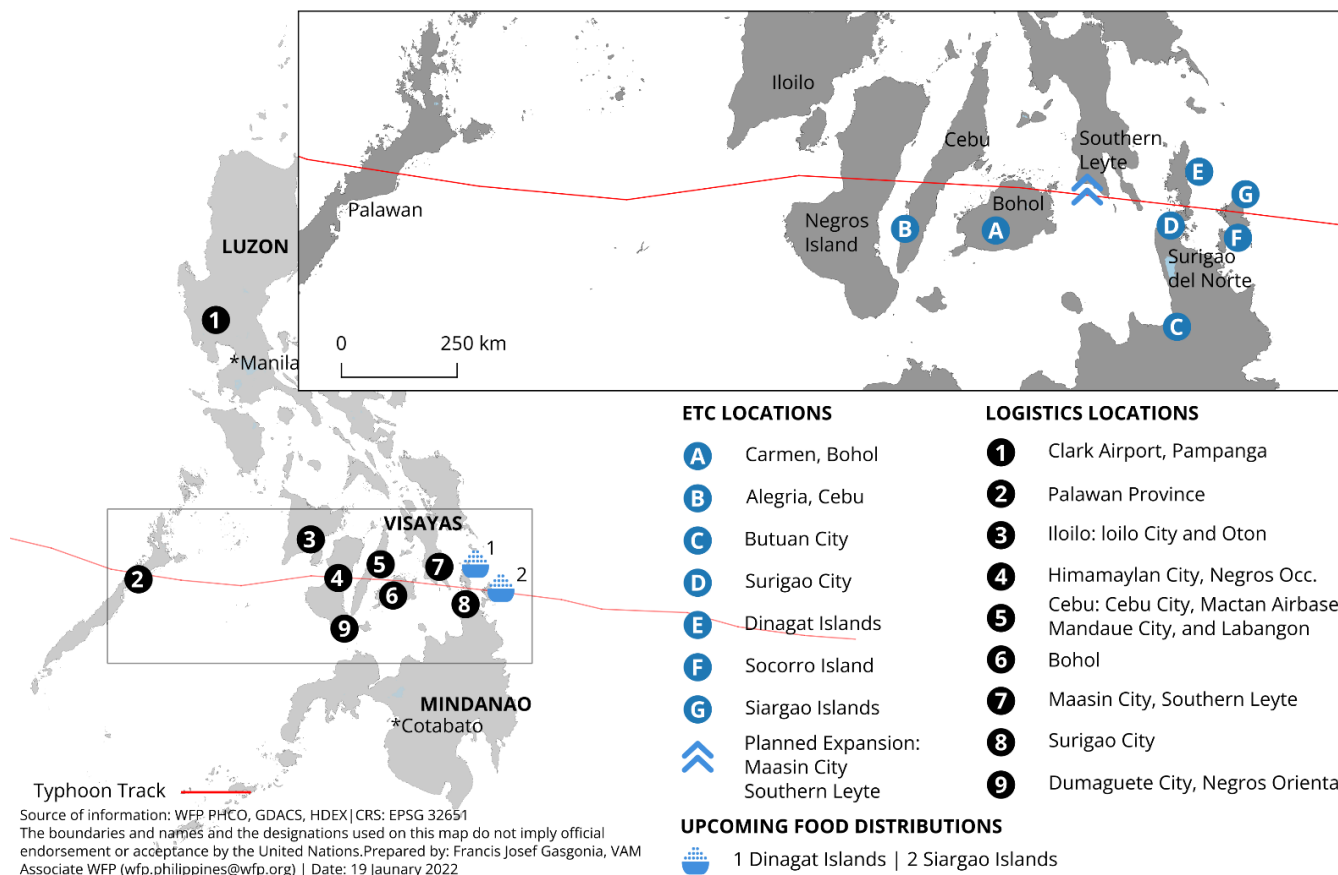
WFP Funding Requirements for Typhoon Odette

US\$ 4.39 M confirmed

US\$ 10 M pledged

out of a required **US\$ 25.8 M**





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