

WFP Philippines

Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #7

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WFP dispatched rice from its Polloc Warehouse to Dinagat Islands. Food distributions in four municipalities in Dinagat will start this week. ©WFP/Radjemma Lao

In Numbers¹

8 million people affected

11 regions affected

530,000 people targeted with assistance by humanitarian actors

198,652 people still displaced

Source: *Super Typhoon Rai – One Month On: In Numbers* (OCHA)

Highlights

- **WFP will begin food distribution (rice) in Dinagat Islands this week.** WFP aims to provide food to 5,400 families in four municipalities of the province starting this week.
- More than a month after Odette's lashing passed, newer assessments have unveiled a larger scale of impact, especially in areas outside Caraga. **WFP is updating its response plan to include Southern Leyte and Bohol in its priority areas for food/cash programmes** with an urgent call for more donor commitments.

Situation Update and Needs

- One month into the emergency response, further assessments have provided a more comprehensive understanding on the extensive damage.
- This has led to **higher estimates of humanitarian needs for affected people**, particularly in hard-hit Visayas. In Southern Leyte and Bohol, 80 and 71 percent of the total population, respectively, or approximately 1.3 million people were severely impacted. Further analysis using available poverty data and prioritising livelihoods that are vulnerable to both immediate damage and longer-term productivity loss (farming and fishing), shows approximately 100,000 poor households have suffered the worst because of Typhoon Odette in Southern Leyte and Bohol. This includes households with members who may be pregnant and/or lactating mothers, living with disability, elderly, malnourished, or labour constrained.
- In **Dinagat Islands**, the provincial government has underscored the **need for additional food, water, medicine, clothing, and shelter**. The local economy is slowly recovering, with fruits and vegetables increasing in supply and returning to pre-typhoon prices. However, prices of limited commodities such as fish and fuel remain high.
- Meanwhile, in neighbouring **Surigao City's coastal areas**, displaced people still staying in

evacuation centres **need shelter materials, cash, and medical assistance to address emerging malnutrition in children**. Markets are functional and retail stores are well-stocked in Surigao.

WFP Response

- WFP is stretching its reach to include the provinces of Southern Leyte and Bohol in its food and cash programmes. This expansion was prompted by the findings from its assessments in Visayas and MIMAROPA, which put to the fore the critical gaps and overwhelming needs outside Caraga. To this end, WFP is updating its overall requirements and will **urgently require additional funding of at least US\$ 8 million more for food and cash programmes, plus additional US\$ 1 million for logistics, and US\$ 200,000 for emergency telecommunications** to meet known needs. Specifically, WFP aims to reach 120,000 more people in Southern Leyte and Bohol with cash assistance from February to July. This additional US\$ 9.2 million is on top of the initially identified US\$ 25.8 million needed to respond to the abovementioned sectors for the next six months.

Food/Cash Assistance

- **This week, WFP will begin rice distributions to Dinagat Islands**, in the municipalities of Basilisa, San Jose, Cagdianao, and Dinagat. The food will reach the most affected poor families identified

¹ These figures are being revised according to the latest assessments.

by the Government and WFP, based on the national social registry *Listahanan 3*. WFP will use SCOPE, its corporate beneficiary information and transfer management platform, to fast-track and monitor distributions. **WFP aims to reach 5,400 families beginning this week, out of the overall 10,000 families targeted in Dinagat.**

- WFP will also provide food to 13,000 families in Siargao Island, and has continued local coordination and preparations this week.
- For its food distributions, WFP is providing locally sourced rice and is working with non-government organization CARE, as a cooperating partner on the ground for distributions. CARE will also conduct orientations to sensitize beneficiaries on the details of the project, including selection criteria, ration size, and duration.

Logistics Support

- WFP has **completed erecting the second emergency logistics hub** in Siargao Island. This new hub has been handed over to the Department of Social Welfare and Development Caraga, in addition to the first hub established by WFP in Surigao City. It will be managed by the Government to support the storage, consolidation, and onward transport of government relief items. WFP will conduct a site assessment in Dinagat Islands in the coming days to identify a suitable site for the third hub in support of the Government.
- WFP continues to provide transport to support the Government's delivery of emergency relief items to affected areas. Since the impact of the typhoon, WFP has mobilized **273 trucks for the Government, to transport more than 324,800** family food packs in addition to other relief items such as hygiene kits, sleeping kits and family kits. Items are being delivered to the worst-hit areas including Surigao City, Cebu City, Bohol, Iloilo City, Dumaguete City, Himalayan City, and Southern Leyte; and to airports in Clark, Pampanga and Mactan, Cebu.

Emergency Telecommunications

- Two teams of IT specialists have deployed to Maasin City and Surigao City to identify locations to establish emergency telecommunications

cluster (ETC) service points which will provide connectivity to aid agencies.

- WFP is conducting connectivity assessments in Southern Leyte and Bohol this week. WFP plans to establish ETC service points in the two provinces to link with its service point in Surigao City and extend service to other humanitarian actors operating on the ground.

Resourcing Update

- As new needs are being prioritized in Southern Leyte and Bohol, and the [Humanitarian Needs and Priorities](#) Plan is being recalibrated and re-launched with updated figures in the coming days, **WFP's updated requirement stands at at least US\$ 35 million** – US\$ 28.8 million for food and cash programmes and US\$ 5 million for logistics, and US\$ 1.2 million for telecommunications support to government and other humanitarian actors.
- WFP's confirmed funding received for its Typhoon Odette response is currently at **US\$ 12.39 million**, thanks to its donors: the governments of **Brazil, Japan, Ireland, Republic of South Korea, and the United States of America; the UN Central Emergency Response Fund; and private sector partners**. WFP is also grateful to pledges of support (amounting to US\$ 3.44 million) from the governments of **Australia, Canada, France, and the United States of America, as well as the Bank of America**.
- Thirty days after launching its global appeal on [ShareTheMeal](#) fundraising app, WFP has reached 85 percent (422,657 meals) of its targeted half a million meals. This is equivalent to US\$ 338,125 raised.

WFP Funding Requirements for Typhoon Odette

US\$ 12.39 M confirmed

US\$ 3.44 M pledged

out of a required **US\$ 35 M**



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