



WFP Philippines

Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #8

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In Numbers

9.9 million people affected in six worst-hit regions*

2.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

380,000 people targeted by WFP with food and cash assistance

*Source: *Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan (Revised)*

Situation Update and Needs

- Six weeks after Typhoon Odette (international name 'Rai') swept and left a path of devastation, the revised [Humanitarian Needs and Priorities](#) estimated that **9.9 million people were affected across the six worst hit regions, with 2.4 million people in need of assistance**. This revision incorporates needs from provinces not initially assessed in the immediate aftermath of the typhoon.
- The revised **HNP aims to coordinate and prioritize multi-sectoral assistance to 840,000 people** in the worst affected provinces of Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Southern Leyte, Bohol, and Cebu.
- Odette has aggravated an already dire food security and nutrition situation worsened by an economic decline caused by the pandemic. Many families are unable to afford a nutritious diet in Central Visayas (42 percent), Eastern Visayas (49 percent), and Caraga (53 percent) while stunting prevalence in these regions remains a very high public health concern.

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up efforts to provide direct assistance to affected population and extend its support to the Government and wider

Highlights

- WFP distributed food assistance to **14,280 individuals** in Dinagat Islands. Distributions to reach a total of 50,000 people in the island-province are ongoing.
- With new needs identified, WFP has updated its funding requirements from US\$ 25.8 million to **US\$ 35.6 million** to expand its response plan to include Southern Leyte and Bohol in its priority areas for food and cash assistance.

humanitarian community through logistics and emergency telecommunications. It requires **US\$ 35.6 million** to fully implement its **food and cash programmes** in the provinces of Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Bohol, and Southern Leyte; sustain **transportation** of relief food and non-food items for the Government; and fill in **connectivity** gaps while communication services are yet to be fully restored.

Food/Cash Assistance

- WFP, in partnership with CARE, has so far **reached 14,280 individuals with emergency food** assistance (locally sourced rice) in Dinagat Islands. Food distributions began last week, covering the municipalities of Basilisa, San Jose, and Dinagat. WFP targeted the most affected poor families in Dinagat in coordination with the local government unit, and based on prioritization from *Listahanan 3*, the latest version of the national social registry. **Food distribution aims to reach a total of 50,000 people in the island-province.**
- WFP will also provide food to neighboring Siargao, in the province of Surigao del Norte starting 5 February. WFP aims to reach 65,000 people in Siargao. Nine WFP trucks carrying rice are en route to Dapa municipality in Siargao. WFP's team is conducting orientation with cooperating partners, CARE and ACCORD, and is validating beneficiary lists with the local government.

Logistics Support

- WFP is **finalizing the third emergency logistics hub in Dinagat Islands**. The first two hubs are currently supporting the Government's storage, consolidation, and onward transport of relief items in Siargao Island and Surigao City.
- WFP continues transporting the Government's emergency relief items to affected areas. Since the impact of the typhoon, WFP has mobilized **344 trucks for the Government, to transport more than 391,100** 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.
- WFP will respond to the Government's request to augment transportation with **another 300 trucks for the movement of relief items and possible last mile delivery**. This operation will be funded by the additional US\$ 1 million received from USAID.

Emergency Telecommunications

- Public telecommunication services remain unstable in affected areas where downed towers and infrastructure require repairs. WFP, together with stand-by partner Ericsson Response, conducted an assessment in three provinces and found that:
 - *In Leyte*: there is stable mobile connectivity along the western coast of the province, except for Maasin City where mobile data services are congested.
 - *In Southern Leyte*: in the town of Sogod, there is also stable mobile data coverage in the municipality of Sogod, however the rest of the peninsula is still without connectivity.
 - *In Bohol*: Connectivity has been restored in all major towns visited on the northern and north eastern parts of the island.

- WFP is working with local fibre connectivity providers to explore options for establishing internet services at the location that has been identified for a humanitarian hub in Surigao City.
- An assessment mission from the Global ETC and WFP FITTEST visited six barangays in Northern Mindanao to gauge whether connectivity services are needed for the affected communities. The team is developing a recommendation based on the needs identified in the assessed areas.

Resourcing Update

- From its overall requirement of **US\$ 35.6 million**, WFP has **received contributions and pledges totalling 46 percent** of its requirement and **urgently requires an additional US\$ 19.3 million**.
- WFP thanks the governments of **Australia, Brazil, Japan, Ireland, the Republic of South Korea, the United States of America, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, and private sector partners** for its confirmed contributions (US\$ 12.8 million). WFP is also grateful to pledges of support (US\$ 3.4 million) from the governments of **Canada, France, and the United States of America**, and private donors.
- WFP has reached **90 percent (451,276 meals)** of its targeted half a million meals through [ShareTheMeal](#). This is equivalent to US\$ 361,020 raised.

WFP Funding Requirements for Typhoon Odette

US\$ 12.8 M confirmed
US\$ 3.4 M pledged
out of a required **US\$ 35.6 M**



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