



WFP Philippines Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #9

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With support from USAID, WFP aims to provide food to 50,000 typhoon-affected individuals in Dinagat Islands. © Aimee Ignacio Mateo

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)*

**WFP Updated Typhoon Odette Response Plan

Highlights

- In addition to the delivery of government family food packs for thousands of people, WFP has reached a total of **18,000 individuals with rice** (in Dinagat Islands). Distributions are ongoing to reach a total of 50,000 people on the island-province.
- WFP requires **US\$ 35.6 million** to ensure full project implementation based on its updated Typhoon Odette Response Plan.** It has so far secured US\$ 12.8 million in confirmed contributions and US\$ 4.2 million in pledges, totalling **48 percent of total needs**.

Situation Update and Needs

- Typhoon Odette (international name 'Rai') has underscored the impacts of climate change in the Philippines. At a UN [press briefing](#) in New York, WFP Country Director and Representative Brenda Barton drew attention to the increased needs emerging from assessments to typhoon areas and the trend of **intensified tropical storms hitting the country with increasing frequency and devastation**. This is the second year in a row when the country was hit by deadly typhoons outside the traditional annual typhoon season. In the last quarter of 2020, typhoons Rolly (Goni) and Ulysses (Vamco) ripped through the country and triggered flooding and landslides, leaving thousands of families homeless. Rolly was the most powerful typhoon to hit the Philippines since Haiyan (2013). In comparison, Odette had flattened at least [half a million more homes](#) (1.7 million houses destroyed) than Haiyan, and affected people across a wider geographical area.
- **Needs are rising as assessment teams reach more areas struck by the typhoon.** On 2 February the Humanitarian Country Team launched a revised emergency and early recovery plan for six months to augment the ongoing relief efforts led by the Government. The [Humanitarian Needs and Priorities](#) (HNP) plan seeks US\$ 169 million, up from US\$ 107 million. It is currently US\$ 59 million funded. WFP's requirements rose to US\$ 35.6 million from US\$ 25.8 million.

- As the co-lead of the Food Security Cluster, and the lead of the Logistics Cluster and Emergency Telecommunications (ETC) Cluster, WFP plans to assist **380,000 people with food and cash, and continue providing logistics and ETC support to the government** and the wider humanitarian community.
- In an [ongoing assessment](#) conducted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, around 116,000 people remain displaced in evacuation centres or staying with host families (relatives or friends), seven weeks since Odette ravaged central and southern regions.

WFP Response

- WFP implements a three-pronged response to (1) cover the immediate food needs of affected populations through emergency food and cash assistance; (2) deliver the Government's relief items in critically affected areas and establish logistics hubs; and (3) bridge connectivity gaps through communication equipment and devices in crucial areas where services were cut or are unstable.

Food/Cash Assistance

- WFP, in partnership with CARE, has so far **reached more than 18,000 individuals with emergency food** assistance (locally sourced rice) in Dinagat Islands. **WFP aims to reach a total of 50,000 people with food assistance in the**



Through the generosity of USAID and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, WFP has established two emergency logistics hubs in Siargao Island and Surigao City. The hubs have been turned over to the Philippine Government and are currently supporting storage and warehousing needs for the Typhoon Odette response. © Left photo: Alicia Folloso; Right photo: Maria Roxanne Nicolas

island province. Meanwhile, food distributions in neighbouring Siargao, in the province of Surigao del Norte, will commence this week, targeting 65,000 people. In both locations, WFP is currently working with third-party monitors for distribution monitoring.

- For planned cash and voucher distributions in Southern Leyte, Bohol, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao City, WFP is coordinating with the communities and the local government in accessing the household registry for beneficiary targeting, in preparation for these interventions to start as soon as possible.

Logistics Support

- WFP has **finalized 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 maintains a contingency stock of mobile storage units and other equipment on standby in case of further requests for storage support.
- WFP continues to support in transporting the Government's relief items. For seven weeks, since the typhoon made landfall, **WFP has provided 393 trucks transporting 433,500 family food packs and other relief kits** to and from multiple destinations in the country.
- **WFP is procuring an additional 505 mt of rice.** This is in addition to the initially procured 650 mt of rice for the ongoing food distributions in Caraga.

Emergency Telecommunications

- WFP FITTEST and partner Ericsson Response are working together in **establishing internet service in four locations across Surigao City through local fibre connectivity providers**. Among these locations are a government coordination hub and a UN common office. The team continues to establish additional internet links to support the

Government and humanitarian actors in Surigao.

- This week, WFP will install additional satellite dishes (VSATs) to provide connectivity in Dinagat Islands. Simultaneously, it will assess whether there is a need for the establishment of an ETC service point for humanitarian workers.

Resourcing Update

- From its revised overall requirement of **US\$ 35.6 million**, WFP has **received contributions and pledges totalling 48 percent**. It urgently **requires an additional US\$ 18.57 million**.
- WFP thanks the governments of **Australia, Brazil, Japan, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, and private sector partners** for their confirmed contributions (US\$ 12.8 million). WFP is also grateful to pledges of support (US\$ 4.2 million) from the governments of **Canada, France, and the United States of America**, and private donors.
- WFP also extends its gratitude to **private individuals who have donated to WFP's ShareTheMeal** fundraising campaign. To date, the campaign has reached **94 percent (467,875 meals)** of its targeted half a million meals through. This is equivalent to US\$ 381,500 raised.

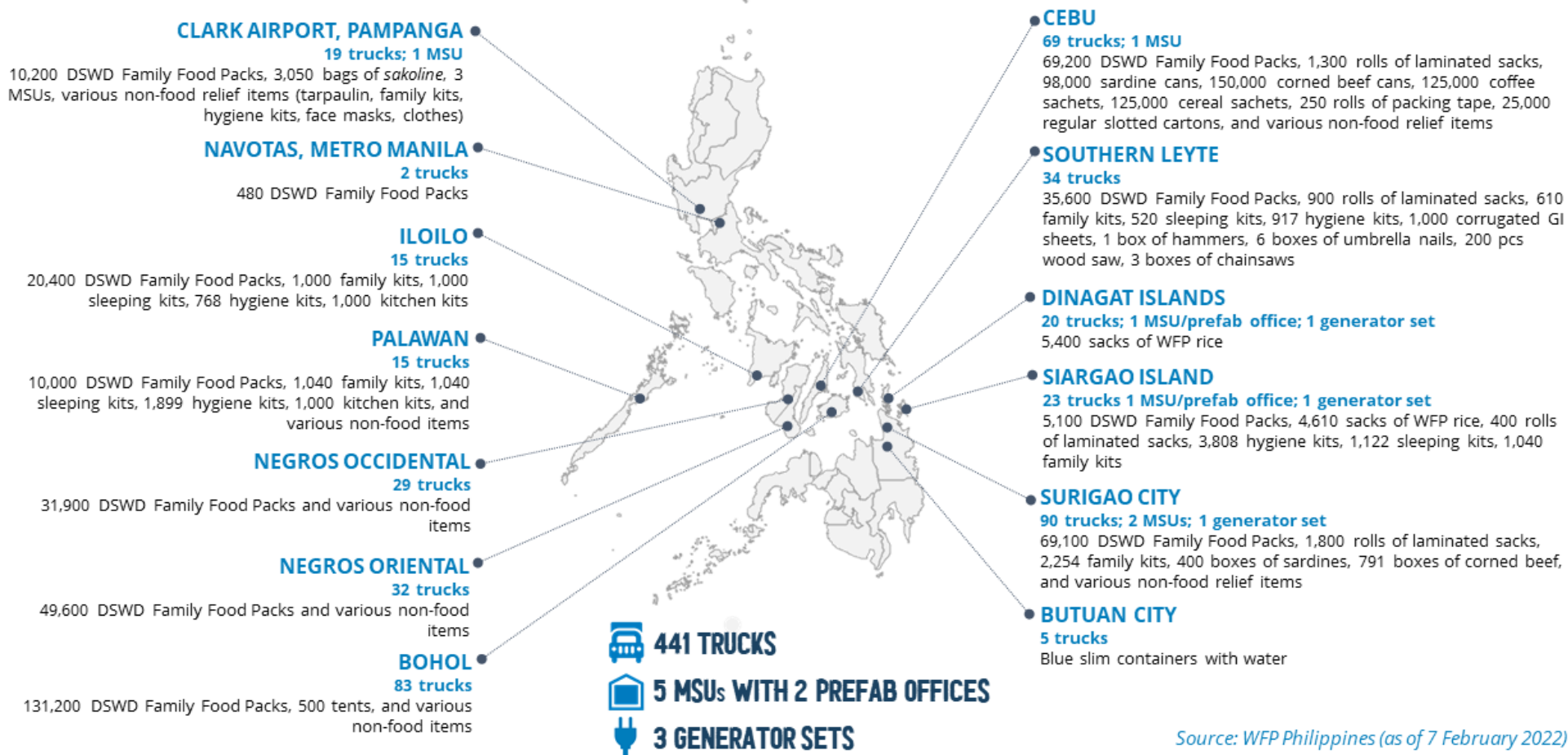
WFP Funding Requirements for Typhoon Odette

US\$ 12.8 M confirmed
US\$ 4.2 M pledged
 out of a required **US\$ 35.6 M**



TYPHOON ODETTE LOGISTICS OPERATIONS

Transportation Support to the Government + WFP Operations



Source: WFP Philippines (as of 7 February 2022)

Note: Total number of trucks provided include WFP's transport support to the Government's relief items and for its own operations (rice delivery and shipment of mobile storage units, prefabricated offices, and generator sets)

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