

WFP Philippines

Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #10

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Prior to food distributions, WFP conducts orientations to sensitize beneficiaries on the details of the project including the targeting criteria, entitlement, duration of support, and procedure in claiming food/cash assistance. ©WFP/Maria Roxanne Nicolas

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

- WFP has so far provided **434 trucks to aid in transporting family food packs** and other relief kits on behalf of the Government. Meanwhile, it has reached more than **24,000 people with emergency food in Dinagat Islands** in Caraga region.
- WFP has raised more than **476,000 “shared meals” through its global campaign at [ShareTheMeal app](#)**, equivalent to 95 percent of its total target of 500,000 meals for Filipinos affected by Typhoon Odette.

Situation Update and Needs

- Almost two months after Typhoon Odette (international name ‘Rai’) ravaged through the country affecting 10 million people across 11 regions, the [National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council](#) (NDRRMC) still has the “**red alert**” status hoisted in all its operation centres nationwide. **A total of 541 cities and municipalities across six regions remain under a “state of calamity”** for a period of one year since its [announcement](#) on 22 December, 2021.
- As per NDRRMC’s [latest reports](#), damages to houses, infrastructure, and agriculture have risen to US\$ 573 million (PHP 47 billion).
- About **132,700 people remain displaced** in evacuation centres or staying with host families (relatives or friends), according to the [latest tally](#) from the Department of Social Welfare and Development.
- 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.

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’s food distributions to typhoon-affected families in Caraga are ongoing. In Dinagat Islands, WFP has so far reached **24,160 people of the targeted 50,000 people** in the province. Meanwhile, in Siargao Island, **WFP will begin food distributions this weekend** with an overall target of 65,000 people. WFP is working in partnership with CARE (a non-government organization) and the local government units in Siargao and Dinagat.

Logistics Support

- WFP is supporting the Department of Social Welfare and Development in **enhancing its logistics hub in Surigao City with a new mobile storage unit (MSU)** to ensure more effective and secure storage of relief items. The MSU upgrade will be finalized in the coming days. WFP maintains



WFP has established three emergency logistics hubs in Caraga to assist the Government with their storage, consolidation, and onward transportation of relief items. ©WFP/Alicia Follosco

a contingency stock of MSUs and other equipment on standby in case of further requests for storage support from the Government.

- WFP continues to support in transporting the Government's relief items. Since the typhoon made landfall, **WFP has provided 434 trucks transporting 468,900 family food packs and other relief kits** such as family kits, hygiene kits, kitchen kits to and from multiple destinations in the country including Metro Manila, Pampanga, Palawan, Iloilo, Negro Occidental, Negros Oriental, Bohol, Cebu, Southern Leyte, Dinagat Islands, Surigao City, Siargao Island, and Butuan City.
- **WFP has started the dispatch of the additional 505 mt of rice en route to Dinagat Islands and Siargao Island.** This rice is in addition to the initial 650 mt of rice for the ongoing food distributions in the two islands.

Emergency Telecommunications

- A team composed of personnel from WFP's Philippines office, WFP FITTEST (Fast IT Telecommunications Emergency Support Team) from Dubai, and partner organization Ericsson Response has **established fibre links in four locations across Surigao City** together with a national internet service provider. Among these locations are a government coordination hub managed by the Department of Public Works and Highways and a UN common office. The team continues to establish additional internet links to support the Government and humanitarian actors in Surigao.

- Over the next two weeks, the team will deploy to Dinagat Islands and Siargao Island to **support the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in the installation of new satellite dishes (VSATs)** and to assess whether there is a need for the establishment of an ETC service point for humanitarian workers in both islands. Even before the typhoon hit, WFP has been supporting DICT in ensuring connectivity will be available to emergency responders in affected areas through the deployment of [Mobile Emergency Vehicles for Emergencies](#).

Resourcing Update

- From its revised overall requirement of **US\$ 35.6 million**, WFP has **received contributions and pledges totalling 53 percent**. It urgently **requires an additional US\$ 16.6 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\$ 13.1 million). WFP is also grateful to pledges of support (US\$ 5.9 million) from the governments of **Canada and France, and the Asian Development Bank**, and private sector.
- WFP also extends its gratitude to **private individuals who have donated to WFP's [ShareTheMeal](#)** fundraising campaign. To date, the campaign has reached **95 percent (476,903 meals)** of its targeted half a million meals through. This is equivalent to US\$ 381,522 raised.

WFP Funding Requirements for Typhoon Odette

US\$ 13.1 M confirmed
US\$ 5.9 M pledged
 out of a required **US\$ 35.6 M**



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