

# WFP Philippines

## Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #11

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*Rain or shine, and across the islands, WFP continues to assist families affected by Typhoon Odette. The generous support of its donors enables WFP to provide food assistance to vulnerable communities. © WFP/Aldin Beta-a*

## In Numbers

**11 million** people affected in six worst-hit regions<sup>1</sup>

**2.4 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance<sup>2</sup>

**380,000** people targeted by WFP with food and cash assistance<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [DSWD DROMIC Report #84 on Typhoon Odette – 15 February 2022](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan \(Revised\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> [WFP Updated Typhoon Odette Response Plan](#)

## Highlights

- **WFP has provided food assistance to almost 32,000 people in Siargao and Dinagat Islands.** Food distribution is ongoing to reach a target of 115,000 people in the two areas.
- More than eight weeks since Odette struck the country, **WFP has transported more than half a million family food packs, hygiene kits, family kits, kitchen kits,** and other critical relief items in support of the government-led emergency response.

## Situation Update

- According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development's [latest tally](#), **130,500 people remain displaced** across six regions – MIMAROPA, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Northern Mindanao, and Caraga. About **59 percent are still staying in evacuation centres and 41 percent are staying with host families** (relatives or friends). WFP is currently providing emergency food assistance in Caraga and will implement a voucher/cash programme in Caraga, Central Visayas, and Eastern Visayas in the coming weeks.
- Alongside ongoing emergency relief operations led by the Government, other government agencies are also implementing other forms of support to typhoon victims such as the Social Security System's (SSS) [calamity assistance package](#), composed of a calamity loan assistance programme, direct house repair and improvement loan, and a three-month advanced pension. Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has allocated PHP 500 million (US\$ 9.7 million) worth of [credit](#) for farmers. To date, [damages](#) to agriculture and infrastructure have ballooned to US\$ 47 billion. Both assistance from SSS and DA are directed to individuals and households living in six regions under a year-long ['state of calamity'](#) declared on 21 December 2021.

## WFP Response

### Food/Cash Assistance

- WFP continues to provide emergency food assistance to typhoon-affected families in Caraga. Rice distributions are ongoing in Dinagat Islands and Siargao Island – two clusters of small islands in northeastern Mindanao that bore the brunt of the typhoon.
- **WFP has so far reached 25,320 people (5,064 families) out of 50,000 targeted people in Dinagat** since distributions began in early February; and **6,585 people (1,317 families) out of 65,000 targeted people in Siargao** since distributions began on 12 February. WFP works in partnership with CARE (a non-government organization) in these two provinces. WFP has so far procured 1,155 mt of locally sourced rice for Siargao and Dinagat. **Each family receives one 50kg sack of rice.**



*WFP has begun food distributions to typhoon-affected families in Siargao Island. It has so far reached 6,585 people. ©WFP/Arlene Robles*

- In **Surigao City** and its neighbouring municipalities, **WFP is initiating a food voucher programme** to support 95,000 people; and **unconditional cash assistance** to reach the most affected households in **Bohol** (102,250 people targeted) and **Southern Leyte** (25,000 people targeted). In these provinces, WFP will be collaborating with NGOs Catholic Relief Services and Action Against Hunger.

## Logistics Support

- More than eight weeks since Typhoon Odette made landfall, WFP has sustained its transportation augmentation support to bring the Government's food and other relief items to hard-hit communities. **WFP has provided 482 trucks transporting 545,700 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.
- **The three emergency logistics hubs (in Surigao City, Siargao Island, and Dinagat Islands) established by WFP on behalf of the Government of the Philippines are now fully operational.** These are currently managed by the Government in supporting storage, consolidation, and onward transportation of relief items. In addition, WFP has also **finalized the enhancement (replacement of a new mobile storage unit) in one of the hubs** managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development in Surigao City.

## Emergency Telecommunications

- In Dinagat Islands, WFP is **supporting the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in the installation and maintenance of new satellite dishes (VSATs)** in the islands.
- WFP's Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency Support Team (FITTEST) from Dubai and an ICT specialist from partner Ericsson Response are in Dinagat Islands and Siargao Island this week assessing potential inter-agency common office locations and planning for the provision of dedicated connectivity services for humanitarians.



WFP supported the Department of Information and Communication Technology in the installation of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) in Dinagat Islands. ©WFP/Amirullah Syarif

## Resourcing Update

- From its 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 the 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 **99 percent (492,663 meals)** of its targeted half a million meals through. This is equivalent to US\$ 394,130 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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