

# WFP Philippines

## Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #12

22 February 2022



A recipient of emergency food assistance from WFP prepares to take home a 50 kg sack of rice in San Jose, Dinagat Islands. © Toby Martin

## In Numbers

**11 million** people affected<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 #90 on Typhoon Odette – 21 February 2022](#)

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

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

## Highlights

- **WFP has reached more than 44,000 people in Siargao and Dinagat Islands.** Food distribution is ongoing to reach a target of 115,000 people in the two areas.
- As emergency telecommunications cluster (ETC) lead, WFP ensures communication services are available to government and humanitarian agencies. It recently **provided six VSATs in Dinagat Islands and Siargao** and **established connectivity in a UN Hub and two humanitarian accommodations** in Surigao City and Dinagat Islands.

## Overview

On 16 and 17 December, Typhoon Odette (international name 'Rai') made landfall nine times across seven provinces. It affected 11 of the 17 regions in the Philippines. Prior to landfall, WFP's partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology ensured that two Mobile Operations Vehicles for Emergencies (MOVE) sets\* were prepositioned to support areas where connectivity had been severed. A day after landfall, WFP trucks were en route to deliver family food packs and other critical relief items on behalf of the Government, through the Office of Civil Defense. WFP's ETC and logistics support remain present across typhoon-affected areas.

Following rapid assessments, WFP plans to assist 380,000 of the most vulnerable people in Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Bohol, and Southern Leyte through a combination of in-kind food (rice), vouchers, and cash. WFP's food distributions are ongoing in Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands, and voucher and cash programmes will begin in March. Three months of immediate assistance will be followed by three months of early recovery activities, ending in June 2022.

WFP's overall requirement stands at US\$35.6 million, of which US\$14.1 million is funded and \$5.9 million has been pledged. WFP needs an additional \$15.6 million to ensure full programme implementation over a six-month period.

## WFP Response

### **FOOD/CASH ASSISTANCE**

- WFP is providing emergency food assistance to typhoon-affected families in Caraga. Rice distributions are ongoing in Dinagat Islands and Siargao Island – clusters of islands in northeastern Mindanao that bore the brunt of the typhoon.
- In Dinagat Islands, WFP has reached 25,430 people (5,086 families) out of 50,000 targeted individuals since distributions began in early February. In Siargao Island, WFP has reached 18,205 people (3,641 families) out of 65,000

targeted people since distributions began on 12 February. WFP works in partnership with CARE (a non-government organization) in these two provinces. WFP has procured 1,155 mt of locally sourced rice for Siargao and Dinagat. Each family receives one 50kg sack of rice.

### **Monitoring / Protection**

- Food distributions in Caraga are being monitored by non-government organization Philippine Business for Social Progress as WFP's third-party monitor. WFP is committed to the efficient delivery of its projects and ensures transparency and accountability through distribution and post-distribution monitoring.

\*MOVE sets are rapidly deployable emergency communication devices integrated into custom vehicles that enable ICT-enabled support to disaster-stricken areas. MOVE is unique to the Philippines; the global prototype having been co-built and co-designed by DICT and WFP emergency telecommunications experts over the last year. These were used for the first time in response to the impact of Typhoon Odette.

- To safeguard the protection and dignity of its beneficiaries, WFP has also put in place a community feedback mechanism (CFM) where beneficiaries can reach WFP on any concerns related to project implementation.

## LOGISTICS SUPPORT

- Since the onset of Odette, WFP mobilized 501 trucks and transported more than half a million of family food packs from the Department of Social Welfare and Development's food packing facilities to date. These deliveries represent half of the total number of family food packs dispatched by the Government through the National Resource Operations Centre in Metro Manila and Visayas Disaster Response Centre in Cebu.
- The family food packs, together with other critical non-food items are being delivered to various destinations affected by the typhoon, including Palawan, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Bohol, Cebu, Southern Leyte, Dinagat Islands, Surigao City, Siargao Island, and Butuan City.

## EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- WFP has provided six new satellite dishes (VSATs) to support DICT operations and supported the installation of the units in Siargao Island and Dinagat Islands. To expand DICT's connectivity, WFP will install a VSAT in Maasin City in Southern Leyte. WFP will also strengthen DICT's staff capacity through training on VSAT installation and network establishment.
- In addition to the connectivity support that WFP is providing to humanitarian workers at the UN Hub in Surigao City, WFP's ETC team connected humanitarian accommodation in the city to the internet. In Dinagat Islands, WFP is also working to establish temporary connectivity in humanitarian accommodation. WFP will also deploy a temporary connectivity solution to the UN Hub that is being established in Maasin City.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP has received contributions and pledges totalling 54 percent of its overall requirement of US\$ 35.6 million. It urgently requires an additional US\$ 16.4 million.
- WFP thanks the governments of Australia, Brazil, France, Japan, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, and private sector partners for confirmed contributions (US\$ 15 million). WFP is also grateful to pledges (US\$ 4.2 million) from the government of Canada and the Asian Development Bank, and the private sector.



WFP has reached its initial fundraising goal of **500,000 meals** on its crowdfunding app [#SHARETHEMEAL](#). At US\$ 0.80 cents per meal, WFP has raised US\$ 400,000 to meet the food needs of families affected by Typhoon Odette.



