


WFP Philippines

Typhoon Odette - Situation Report #16

15 March 2022



The cash assistance programme that WFP started in Bohol to assist families affected by Typhoon Odette. © WFP/Mary Ruth Llobrera

In Numbers

86,000 people have been reached by WFP so far with cash, voucher and in-kind assistance. This includes **18,000** people who received cash and voucher assistance over the past week.

550 trucks have been mobilized by WFP to transport **612,500** family food packs from food packaging facilities of the Government of the Philippines

24 locations have been connected to internet by WFP: **15** satellite dishes (VSATs) at government offices and **9** for humanitarian responders (via local internet providers and mobile network operators)

Highlights

- **WFP launched a cash assistance programme in Bohol and Southern Leyte.** The programme allows vulnerable people to purchase food according to their needs. Enabling them to buy from local markets also boosts the economy.
- **WFP began voucher distributions in Surigao Del Norte (mainland).** Beneficiaries redeem these vouchers from locally selected retailers delivering goods to the barangays.
- **WFP is preparing to commence cash assistance programmes in Dinagat and Siargao Islands** in parallel with the ongoing rice distribution.

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 emergency telecommunications cluster (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 Island, 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 voucher and cash programmes start in March in Bohol, Southern Leyte, Surigao Del Norte, Siargao Island and Dinagat Island. Immediate assistance will be followed by early recovery activities, ending in June 2022.

WFP's overall requirement stands at US\$35.6 million, of which US\$17.5 million is funded and \$2.9 million has been pledged. WFP needs an additional US\$15.2 million to ensure full programme implementation over a six-month period.

*MOVE sets are rapidly deployable emergency communication devices, integrated into custom vehicles, that enable connectivity to disaster-stricken areas. MOVE is unique to the Philippines; the global prototype has been co-built and co-designed by DICT and WFP emergency telecommunications experts. Their first use was in response to Typhoon Odette.

WFP Response

FOOD/CASH ASSISTANCE

- **Surigao City / Surigao Del Norte (Mainland):** WFP distributed vouchers to 1,625 individuals (325 families) on 11 March. This was followed by the first voucher redemption "shopping day" pilot with 100 recipients on 15 March. Beneficiaries submitted order forms based on food basket items. WFP's partner NGO, Catholic Relief Service (CRS), then organized for the vendors to come with the goods to the barangay, to reduce travel

time for the recipients. WFP is scaling up sensitization and arrangements with store retailers in preparation for simultaneous voucher distributions and shopping days for the coming weeks.

- **Siargao Islands:** WFP will commence cash-based transfers (CBT) in the coming days in parallel with the ongoing rice distribution. WFP completed technical discussions and project orientation with partner organisation CARE.
- **Southern Leyte and Bohol:** WFP has commenced cash distributions in both provinces. In Southern Leyte, WFP has reached 6,535 individuals (1,307

families) to date, while in Bohol, WFP has reached 10,500 individuals (2,100 families). WFP has completed onboarding and training sessions with various partner NGOs and a third-party monitor.

LOGISTICS SUPPORT

- WFP recently visited the Visayas Disaster Response Center (VDRC). The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) confirmed that the VDRC requires over 200 additional trucks to move Family Food Packs (FFP) to areas affected by Odette. The VDRC pipeline of commodities to assemble the FFP remains healthy.

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- WFP continues to support the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) – lead of the national ETC – in installing new VSAT terminals and maintaining existing installations to provide emergency connectivity services across the affected areas.
- In total, WFP has supported in establishing internet connectivity to support government and humanitarian responders in 21 sites across affected areas, with a daily average of 350 users. Users include UN agencies, I/NGOs, government staff, and affected communities.

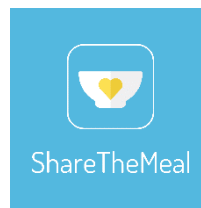


“I am a mother of three. My children, their families, and I were heavily affected by Typhoon Odette. I am grateful for the cash voucher I received. It will support me and my three families with our most urgent food needs.”

- Teresita (72), resident of Mabini, Surigao del Norte province

Resourcing Update

- WFP has received contributions and pledges totalling 57 percent of its overall requirement of US\$35.6 million. It urgently requires an additional \$15.2 million.
- WFP thanks the governments of Australia, Brazil, Canada, 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\$17.5 million). WFP is also grateful to pledges (US\$2.9 million) from 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.

WFP FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

\$35.6 MILLION

50% funded 7% pledged 43% unfunded

FOOD & CASH



\$29.6 MILLION

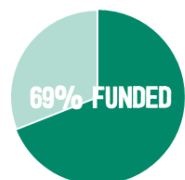


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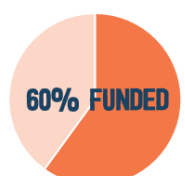
\$5 MILLION



ETC



\$1 MILLION



TYPHOON ODETTA (RAI), PHILIPPINES: WFP RESPONSE OVERVIEW, 15 March 2022

WFP IS RESPONDING RAPIDLY TO AFFECTED LOCATIONS

