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Relief distribution for families
affected by Typhoon Odette

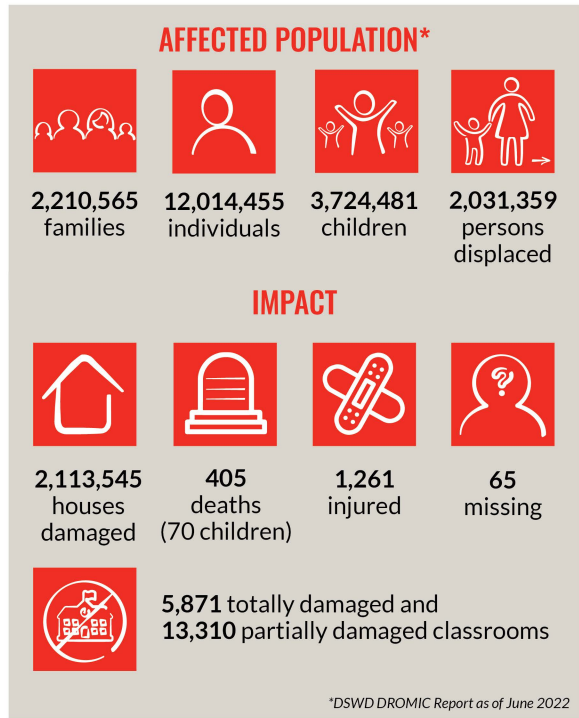


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SUPER TYPHOON ODETTE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

6 MONTHS ON

Save the Children Philippines Response Report as of June 2022



SIX MONTHS AFTER TYPHOON ODETTE, AFFECTED FAMILIES STILL STRUGGLE TO RECOVER

At the onset of Super Typhoon Odette (international name: Rai) in December 2021, 1.8 million Filipino families or around six million individuals, 1.8 million of which are children, were severely affected. Its wrath was felt across 38 provinces in the Philippines, majority of which are in the Visayas and Northeast Mindanao regions.

Six months on, the most affected families and children are still far on their way to recovery. The COVID-19 pandemic and the current global economic crisis make it more difficult for them to cope. They need all the help they can get to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of their children especially in fulfilling their rights to survival, education, and protection.

EDUCATION

More than 12 million learners from 29,671 schools were affected. With the upcoming return to face-to-face classes, many affected schools face problems with unrepaired classrooms, lack of teaching and learning supplies and tools, and intermittent power and communication lines. Teachers and learners need Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) to ensure their readiness to return to in-person learning.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

141 water structures and over 410 sanitation facilities have been destroyed across the affected areas. Many affected areas still have difficulty in accessing clean and safe water for drinking and domestic use. Some water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities remain unrepaired, resulting to poor hygiene practices. There was also a reported rise in dengue cases.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

Inflation hit 6.1% in May 2022. The prices of food and livelihood inputs, such as seeds for farmers and nets for fisherfolks, have increased. They also lack access to livelihood assistance programs and activities.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

Over two million houses were totally or partially damaged, and 3,351 individuals remain displaced. Increasing prices of shelter materials make it inaccessible to affected families. Many affected families are returning to no-build zones such as areas that are prone to flood and landslide.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

Anecdotal reports say that there is an increase in child protection-related cases. Child protection measures in affected areas are overstretched. Children and caregivers need urgent MHPSS. Children are also at high risk to all forms of abuse and exploitation.



“ Akong gi-ampo nga dili na ni mahitabo pa og usab. Grabe kalisod sa among sitwasyon hangtod karon. ”

I pray that it will not happen again. Our situation is very difficult, until now.

Esterlita, 39
Getafe, Bohol

SAVE THE CHILDREN PHILIPPINES RESPONSE

RESPONSE AREAS

Cities/Municipalities Covered

BOHOL

Bien Unido
Buenavista
Getafe
Pres. Carlos P. Garcia
Ubay

SOUTHERN LEYTE

Anahawan
San Jose
St. Bernard
Padre Burgos

DINAGAT ISLANDS

Basilica

SURIGAO DEL NORTE MAINLAND

Malimono
Surigao City
Tagana-an

SURIGAO DEL NORTE SIARGAO ISLAND

Burgos
Del Carmen
General Luna
San Benito
Santa Monica

38%
23,673
adults

61,622
persons reached as of June 2022

62%
37,949
children



70 with disability

75 with disability



36 with disability

37 with disability



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

3,261 Households received emergency food supplies

500 Households received a sack of rice each

524 Fisherfolks received emergency livelihood support

Ongoing activities to support the gaps:

Provision of cash or in-kind livelihood support to farmers and fisherfolks

Training on resilient livelihood strategies



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

2,655 Households received materials for temporary shelter

6,187 Households received household essentials such as blankets, cooking tools, and utensils

Ongoing activities to support the gaps:

Provision of shelter repair assistance to affected families through cash or voucher

Build Back Better training for affected families and carpenters



CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

Conducted the Children's Multi-cluster Initial Rapid Assessment (CMIRA) in Bohol, Southern Leyte, and Surigao del Norte

- 141** Youth trained on facilitating Child-friendly spaces activities
- 3,425** Children and adolescents received psychosocial support through activities in child-friendly spaces in Bohol and Southern Leyte
- 2** Child victim-survivors supported through referral to government services

Ongoing activities to support the gaps:

- Community sessions on protection issues and access to protection mechanisms
- Psychosocial support through child-friendly space activities
- Provision of assistive devices to persons with disability
- Training on inclusive humanitarian action for humanitarian actors



HEALTH AND NUTRITION Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- 8,337** Households received hygiene supplies
- 4,185** Households received clean water containers and disinfectants

Ongoing activity to support the gaps:

- Restoration of WASH facilities in communities



EDUCATION

- 9,644** Learners received back-to-school kits
- 334** Education personnel trained on topics such as education in emergencies, return to learning, and mental health and psychosocial support
- 349** Teachers received teaching supplies
- 78** Child development workers and local government practitioners trained in early childhood care and development in emergencies

Ongoing activities to support the gaps:

- Training on education in emergencies, return to learning, mental health and psychosocial support for DepEd personnel
- Training on early childhood care and development in emergencies for day care workers
- Establishment of multipurpose learning spaces and repair of classrooms
- Distribution of teaching supplies and back-to-school kits
- Multipurpose cash assistance to DepEd personnel



“Sobrang laking tulong ng learn-at-home kits na ibinigay ng Save the Children. Natuto ang anak ko ng colors at shapes. Nabawasan din ang kanyang oras sa panonood ng videos online.”

The learn-at-home kits provided by Save the Children are very helpful. My daughter learned about colors and shapes. Her screen time was also reduced.

Roger, 28
Burgos, Surigao del Norte

CASE STORY

Lorena, 47, lives in a coastal barangay in Anahawan, Southern Leyte. As a single mother, her biggest dream is to have all her four children finish their education. Lorena and her husband separated seven years ago, leaving her alone to fend for their children. She earns a meager salary as a utility worker in a public elementary school. Aside from supporting her children's studies, Lorena was slowly saving up to complete the construction of their house, until Typhoon Odette came in December 2021.

"We were terrified," Lorena recalled. "Our house was already destroyed even before we got to finish it."

Lorena said that Typhoon Odette only worsened their struggles. She settled with living in a makeshift shelter for now because she can barely afford to have their house repaired, let alone sending her children to school. Her eldest is now in college, two are in high school, and the youngest is in grade school. With face-to-face classes slowly resuming, she is doubling her efforts to ensure that her children would never need to stop their studies.

Lorena received the household, family hygiene, and water kits; two of her children received the back-to-school kits from Save the Children. She said that the items they received are of tremendous help. She can allot her resources to other essentials such as food and the repair of their house.

"I cried when my youngest child said, 'Ma, I have a bag now!' because I could not afford that before." She shared, "I am so grateful that my children continue to do their best at school despite our situation." The back-to-school kits contain basic school supplies such as notebooks, pen, paper, and protective gear such as raincoat and boots.

Lorena said that while she is thankful for all the help that they have received after the typhoon, she is particularly grateful to Save the Children for staying up until this point six months since the typhoon hit.



"Dako akong pasalamat sa Save the Children kay tungod sa ilang tabang, makapadayon sa pag-eskwela ang akong mga anak."

I am very grateful to Save the Children because, through their help, my children can continue with their studies.

Lorena, 47, mother of four
Anahawan, Southern Leyte

"I am very grateful to Save the Children because, through their help, my children can continue with their studies," she said.

Lorena and her family belong to over 8,300 families supported by Save the Children in its Typhoon Odette Response efforts in Bohol, Southern Leyte, Dinagat Islands, and Surigao del Norte. She wants to serve as an inspiration to her fellow parents to continue hoping and doing the best for their children. "Despite everything we have lost, such as our house and other belongings, I am thankful that we are alive and safe. Let us rise from the disaster and live our lives."

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