



PROJECT REPORT
TYPHOON RAI "ODETTE"
EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN
VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

December 17 2021 – April 30, 2022

Project Title	Typhoon Rai "Odette" Emergency Response in Visayas and Mindanao
Project period	December 17, 2021 ~ April 31, 2022
Project area	Olango Island in Cebu, Municipalities of Liloan & Libagon in Southern Leyte, Dinagat Island and Surigao
Beneficiaries	1795 families or 8975 individuals
Project budget	PHP 1,431,311.93
Total expenditure	PHP 1,353,277.60
Balance	PHP 78,034.33
Funds raised by National Platform	Total in-kind Donations (approximate) PHP 3,309,200.00 Manpower/volunteer Support support Vehicles for Relief Delivery Operations Warehouse
Organization	A-PAD PH
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Background

Typhoon Rai, locally known as Odette affected 7.7 million people with 406 dead, 65 missings, and 1,266 injured individuals (NDRRMC report January 14, 2021). DSWD reported 1,184, 141 families with 4, 650, 711 individuals were affected in 8,753 barangays.. At least 1, 356,318 houses were damaged; of which 359,595 were totally damaged and 996, 723 were partially damaged in Regions VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, MIMAROPA and Caraga

Vital infrastructure, including power lines, water supply, and communication networks were severely damaged, and repairs are expected to take several months.



In Southern Leyte alone, 16 out of the 19 municipalities situated along the coastal area and on the island were affected, of which 8 were severely damaged. About 64,279 families (164,801 people) were affected and 28 died at the height of the typhoon. Most houses in the coastal communities were destroyed by storm surges and strong winds. Cumulatively, about 17,530 shelters were totally damaged and 25,993 were partially damaged.

Heavily hit are the municipalities within Panaon Island where the typhoon made its 3rd landfall. In the municipality of San Ricardo, a total of 2,998 families, or around 10, 930 individuals were affected. While there were no reported casualties in the area, around 1,714 houses were totally destroyed and about 656 partially damaged. This left almost half of the population homeless.

In Cebu, 22 out of its 52 towns and cities were most affected with 119,201 families (as of Dec 21, 2021). While major thoroughfares are lighted back, hundreds of thousands of households remained without power as of January 16. Access to water in Cebu has not yet been fully restored too.

In the recent WFP-UN report, despite the fact, that almost 1 month has already passed since the typhoon hit. Hundreds of thousands of people still urgently need food, clean water, and protection support.

With the massive damage and affected population, different stakeholders shared their resources to help the survivors of the typhoon.



Achieved Objectives

The project objectives were achieved.

A-PAD PH immediately conducted a rapid damage and needs assessment (RDNA) to determine the situation and needs of the affected population. A-PAD PH staff were deployed to Ormoc City, where they met with partners, the Ormoc Chamber of Commerce and Industry together with volunteers, and discussed the situation in the province after the onslaught of the typhoon.

Relief assistance was extended to the most affected and least served families in the hardest hit communities in Surigao del Norte, Cebu, and Southern Leyte. A total of 1716 solar kits were distributed, while 395 shelter repair kits were given in Surigao.

The ongoing efforts of A-PAD PH members and partners on the ground were joined and supported. Joint relief operations were conducted together with Ormoc Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Leyte, Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Cebu, Surigao Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Davao City Chamber of Commerce and PCCI Mindanao.

Project Outputs

The project conducted the rapid needs assessment to immediately assess the situation and plan necessary responses to the situation. After the RNA, four (4) batches of relief operations were carried out benefitting 1795 families in 3 regions - Eastern and Central Visayas and Caraga Region to join and support the ongoing efforts of A-PAD members and partners.

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Last February 3-5, 2022, A-PAD PH with PCCI Mindanao and its local chambers in the region, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Baguio-Benguet Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivered 600 solar lamps to families most affected in the Dinagat Island in Surigao Del Norte.

The joint effort benefitted 1,078 families who also received food packs, galvanized iron sheets and nails, temporary shelter kits, hygiene supplies, and clothing.

On March 8, 2022, the People of Japan, through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asia-Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management Korea and Philippines, Global Giving, and Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) distributed relief items to the families affected by Typhoon Odette in Olango Island, Lapu-Lapu City. Food packs and solar lamps were distributed to 620 families from the People of Japan and 500 food packs from A-PAD



Korea and Global Giving were distributed on the island, while the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry complemented the remaining packs for other families.

A-PAD PH and its regional partner in Eastern Visayas, Ormoc Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OrCham), and other members of the Tabang Para sa Southern Leyte movement conducted a one-day relief operation in the municipalities of Liloan and Libagon, Southern Leyte last March 28, 2022. Four hundred families in 4 barangays received solar lamps.

385 families benefitted from the relief distribution operation spearheaded by A-PAD PH together with the Surigao Chamber of Commerce in three (3) barangays in Surigao last 2022. The families receive 316 solar lamps, 1150 corrugated sheets, and 7kgs of nails.

Project Impact

The project is relevant as it addressed the basic needs for shelter repair, while the solar lamps complemented the food packs handed over by the partners in the region. The means are consistent with the project objectives. All activities were geared towards the attainment of the objectives.

Objective 1: To conduct a rapid needs assessment to determine the situation and needs of the affected population.

The RDNA gave a clearer picture and understanding of the situation to quickly address the communities' situation and recommend immediate and appropriate needs for the affected communities.

Objective 2: To distribute relief goods to the most affected and least served families in hardest hit communities in Surigao del Norte, Cebu, and Southern Leyte

The project is on purpose as it provided the need for relief items like solar and shelter repair kits for 1,795 most affected families in 3 regions mostly hit by Typhoon Odette last December 2021.



The local chieftain of Barangay Olango expressed his gratitude to the numerous local and national groups for the relief supplies they had provided. It has helped his constituents to alleviate the adversity caused by Typhoon Odette.

Recipients of solar lamps and shelter kits are grateful to the donors for continuously helping them to rise from the wrath of the typhoon and light up those dark evenings.



While still reeling from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the families lost everything. They have nothing to begin with. The project had a significant positive influence on the community members, not only because it provided them with material relief but also because it made them feel better about themselves to know that others were eager to assist them in their time of need.

Objective 3: To support and join the ongoing efforts of A-PAD PH members and partners on the ground.

A-PAD PH is working with its local partners in four regions. They shared valuable information on what is happening on the ground and participated in the response and recovery efforts for the survivors of Super Typhoon Odette through cash and/or in-kind donations. The following are the significant activities of the partners that were supported by A-PAD PH

A-PAD PH National Office immediately met with partners, via zoom, from the different regions to help organize and support their effort to raise funds for the communities that were heavily affected by Typhoon Odette. Led by the Convenor of the regional platform from Bicol, Cebu and Davao. The following fund drive campaigns were launched: "Tabang Mula sa Bicol" (Help from Bicol), "Bangon Cebu" (Rise up Cebu), Ormoc City, and Oplan Typhoon Odette of Davao City. In addition to creating social media cards for their fundraising activities, A-PAD PH gave technical support on how the relief activities should be conducted



A few days after the disaster, A-PAD PH team brought solar lights and water filters to Southern Leyte. These were made possible through partners from Fleet of Hope and Sparks for Life. Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation on the other hand facilitated the air freight of the items through their partner Air Asia.

ALBAYanihan, a volunteer organization in Albay that is part of A-PAD HRN, distributed food and water filters to ensure that the impacted areas in Siargao, Sipalay, Bohol, and Southern Leyte have access to safe drinking water.

Ormoc City Chamber of Commerce led the "Tabang Southern Leyte" (Help Southern Leyte) in conducting relief operations for the typhoon-affected barangays in San Ricardo, Leyte. URATEX Philippines, Tabang Ormocanon, Ormoc Eagles, Rapid Rescue Riders Ormoc Chapter, Regional Emergency Assistance Communications Team (REACT), and Eastern Visayas State University also took part in the campaign.

"Oplan Tabang Typhoon Odette Survivors" (Oplan Help Typhoon Odette Survivors) of Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in partnership with A-PAD PH, Surigao Chamber of Commerce, and Davao del Sur Chamber of Commerce, delivered food packs, hygiene kits, blankets, bottled water, and medical tents to the most affected communities in Surigao City after the onslaught of Typhoon # OdettePH.



The actual beneficiaries increased due to the joint efforts of different partners in the area. The actual beneficiaries are 2573 families in the 3 regions.

Lessons Learned

Rapid needs assessment on the ground immediately determines the magnitude of the situation, the degree of impact on the population, and the basic needs of affected communities. This information is used to identify the resources necessary to mitigate the impact and recover from the disaster.

The establishment of inter-regional collaboration transcends from one region to another. The regions that are not affected by the typhoon, like Bicol and Davao regions immediately sent their support to the partners in the regions like Cebu, Eastern Visayas and Caraga affected by the typhoon.

Planning, coordination, and monitoring are factors that affect how successfully the project was implemented and managed. The efficient and effective use of resources, such as people, time, money, and information, was made possible by systematic planning. With proper coordination, duplication of efforts and resources that were given to affected communities were minimized and actual needs were considered during the distribution.

Recommendations:

A-PAD PH should continue to work hand in hand with different stakeholders in the region to maximize the resources, ensure no duplication of efforts and relief goods received by the communities. Provide systematic relief assistance to the affected communities that focuses on the least served and most affected families.

A-PAD PH HRN volunteers' commitment and capacities should be strengthened.