

## Completion Report Form A-PAD Disaster Emergency Response Fund Project

### 1. General information

Project title	Emergency Response to Flooding in Eastern Visayas
Project period	December 2023
Project area	Las Navas, Catubig, Catarman, and Lope de Vega in Northern Samar, Eastern Visayas Region
Beneficiaries	Estimated 1000 families or 5000 individuals
Project budget	Php 357, 800.00
Total expenditure	Php
Balance	Php
Funds raised by the National Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total in-kind donations: 1100 food packs which includes 2 cans corned beef, 2 cans sardines, 1 can beef loaf, 4 packs noodles, 6 sachets milk powder, 10 sachets coffee, 2 kg rice</li> <li>• Manpower/volunteer support: 1 volunteer from the local partner in Eastern Visayas</li> <li>• Vehicles for relief delivery operations: 1 vehicle delivery of water buckets from one partner on Eastern Visayas; air transfer of water buckets facilitated by Waves for Water through Cebu Pacific</li> </ul>

### 2. Applicant information

Organization	A-PAD PH		
Project officer		Email	
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Project changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of relief items (jerry cans) from 400 to 629 units</li> </ul>		

### 3. Project Implementation

Achieved Objectives	<p>The distribution of water filters and water containers to families affected by the flooding in Northern Samar has alleviated the distress they have experienced due to lack of sources of clean drinking water and limited water ration.</p> <p>Affected families have received water containers and water filters which they can use as an alternative to purified drinking water and can lessen their vulnerability to unsafe and unclean drinking water from local sources. The jerry cans were also beneficial to the affected families because of their cost which is quite expensive for an ordinary family.</p> <p>A-PAD PH significantly expanded its connections and network during the relief operations. For this project, A-PAD PH collaborated with the Department of Health Center for Health Development Eastern Visayas,</p>
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KMJ Express, local NGOs, and various government agencies in Northern Samar.

Throughout the response efforts, A-PAD PH partners like Tacloban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. in cooperation with Samar-Leyte Texas provided 1100 food packs to affected families in the municipalities of Lope de Vega, Catarman, Bobon through the municipal and provincial local government unit, and Archdiocese of Catarman.

A-PAD PH effectively maximized its local network in the region during data collection and validation on the ground, and procurement and delivery of the items which helped in expediting the process of the relief operation.

Project outputs

This initiative collaborates with A-PAD Regional Partners in Eastern Visayas. The ER provided water filters and water containers to 1000 affected families in the municipalities of Las Navas, Catubig, Catarman, and Lope de Vega. Six Hundred Twenty-Nine (629) families received one (1) jerry can and thirty-five water (35) filters were turned over and divided to the five (5) barangays in Las Navas, Northern Samar. The Colegio de Las Navas also was one of the recipients of the water filters which will benefit 679 students. Meanwhile, the Municipal Health Offices of Catubig, Catarman, and Lope de Vega received three (3) water filters respectively. The selected community beneficiaries were those who were severely affected by the flooding in the region. This was validated by A-PAD PH through close coordination with the local partners in the region.

A-PAD PH started the turn-over ceremony with an introduction of the organization, the funding donor, and the local partners in Eastern Visayas who helped in the pre-operation activities. The A-PAD PH staff also conducted a demonstration on the proper installation and maintenance of the water filters.

A turn-over ceremony was organized in Las Navas due to the fact that the beneficiary barangays are situated in remote areas.

Four municipalities in Northern Samar were able to receive the relief items as a response of A-PAD PH to the massive flooding that happened in the region last November. Fifty units of water buckets were divided into Las Navas, Catubig, Catarman, and Lope de Vega to reduce the impact caused by the recent disaster. Beneficiaries from the four municipalities were delighted and satisfied with the relief items they received which they can use in their daily lives.

Project impact

Recipients extended their gratitude to the funding donor for giving them jerry cans and water filters. The Catubig MHO mentioned that during the flooding, they could barely find clean drinking water to provide for the affected families. Even the purified water being sold by the water refilling stations was not safe to drink because of its flood-colored water. In Las Navas, the MSWDO expressed their appreciation to the donor for choosing their municipality as the recipient of the relief items since one jerry can cost about P280 each, and not everyone can afford to purchase one. The MHOs planned to allot a budget and buy water filters as one of

their prepositioned items.

Lessons learned

- Provide ample time to conduct actual community preparations and validations.
- Mobilize and maximize local and A-PAD PH volunteers, especially in far-flung areas.
- Maintain the local coordination with the local partners as it helps in accelerating the procedures using the available resources and lessening the operational expenses of the operations.

Recommendation

The emergency response phase offers many opportunities, including building new alliances, expanding A-PAD PH's network, encouraging greater community involvement, and enabling people to take an active role in their communities and society at large. It also provides a chance to mobilize resources for immediate relief. Hence, A-PAD PH should continue working with the local actors and partners to maximize all the available resources and promote multisectoral collaborations not only during emergencies at local and national levels but also in disaster preparedness and prevention initiatives.



Picture 1. Courtesy call with Mayor Tan of Las Navas, Northern Samar on December 14, 2023 at the Office of the Municipal Mayor.



Picture 2. The relief items which were turned over in Las Navas: 629 jerry cans and 40 units of water filters.



Picture 3. Turned over of three units of water filters to Lope de Vega Municipal Health Office on December 15, 2023.



Picture 4. The Barangay Council of the L. Empon transported the water containers and water filters by a small motorized banca/boat after the turn-over ceremony on December 14, 2023.



*Picture 5. Councilor Frederick Crisostomo and his son received the relief items in behalf of the beneficiaries of Barangay Dolores, Las Navas on December 14, 2023.*