



**49,971**

BENEFICIARIES OF FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE

**155,121**

BENEFICIARIES OF HEALTH SECTOR ASSISTANCE

**349,686**

BENEFICIARIES OF WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE ASSISTANCE

## INTERVENTIONS



**MULTI-PURPOSE CASH TRANSFER / LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT**



**HYGIENE KIT DISTRIBUTION & HYGIENE PROMOTION SESSIONS**



**FOOD PACK DISTRIBUTION**



**INSTALLATION OF TOUCH-FREE HANDWASHING STATIONS**



**REFERRAL PATHWAYS SUPPORT**



**PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT / HEALTH TRAININGS / PROVISION OF PPES**



**RISK COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

## WHERE WE WORK

Metro Manila  
Agusan Del Sur  
Davao De Oro  
Cotabato Province  
Lanao Del Norte  
Lanao Del Sur  
Maguindanao  
Surigao Del Sur





## INTENDED VULNERABLE POPULATIONS TO ASSIST:

People suffering from chronic diseases, **undernutrition** due to food insecurity, lower immunity, and certain disabilities.

**Internally displaced persons (IDPs)** affected by conflict or disasters in Mindanao, **informal settlers**, the **elderly**, **persons with disabilities**, and **marginalized groups**.

**Children or family members** who've lost or are **separated from their primary caregivers** due to quarantine or confinement measures.

**Women and girls** who have to abide by **socio-cultural norms** that require the authorization of a male family member to seek healthcare and receive appropriate treatments.

**People who have lost their income.** Daily workers, small-scale agricultural producers, petty traders and similar groups in the informal sector who cannot access their workplace, land, or markets due to lockdowns and community quarantine.



## “Mother, why are we different from other kids?”

Asks 6-year old John Rey to his mother, Janisa. John Rey and his two older brothers Christian (10) and Gary Jr. (13) have not been able to walk and run like other children because of a bone condition that started when each of them turned six years old. The eldest, Gary Jr. now 13 years old, has trouble sitting down and usually spends days lying on the sleeping mat. The father, Gary Sr., earns just enough to get by their daily needs as an on-call carpenter. Janisa stays at home and takes care of the children. As much as they want to have their sons treated, they have limited financial capabilities to do so.

Janisa looks at John Rey and finds it difficult to answer his question. Even the doctors that they consulted could not determine the reason why her sons' bones in their lower bodies were shrinking. All the doctors could recommend was to conduct more medical examinations to determine the cause of the boys' conditions and how to treat it.

To make matters worse, their community in Balabag, Kidapawan was affected by the series of earthquakes that struck Mindanao during the last quarter of 2019. The disaster affected more than 300,000 people, almost half of them displaced, including Gary Sr. and Janisa's family.

Despite their struggles, the Lopez family continues to move forward especially after our Earthquake Response Protection Team, together with the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) and the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), referred and assisted the Lopez brothers to Kidapawan City Public Hospital and other private hospitals in the area for more extensive check-ups and medical examinations. John Rey, Christian, and Gary Jr. each received wheelchairs courtesy of the IPHO, and the CSWDO provided financial assistance for their family. Action Against Hunger continues to monitor the condition of the three children.

Prior to the referral, the Lopezes also received humanitarian support forms of multi-purpose cash transfer, hygiene and shelter kits. These, along with the protection assistance, is part of our Mindanao Earthquake Emergency Response which is funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO).

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