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In photo: A beneficiary from Barangay Pagsangan, San Miguel, Catanduanes waits for her turn to ride the boat going back to their sitio. (Photo by Kamran Shah for Action Against Hunger)

REACHING COMMUNITIES THROUGH COORDINATION

By Dale Nelson Y. Divinagracia

When emergencies occur, an influx of humanitarian aid from NGOs, civic organizations and private companies go to the affected areas. But in many cases, towns near city-centers and along major roads get most of the initial assistance. Remote communities receive limited aid.

"Coordination is really key in providing assistance. Private companies, civil society organizations, and NGOs should coordinate with the local government so that there is no duplication," states Kamran Shah, Head of Project for Action Against Hunger's Typhoon Rolly (International Name: Goni) Emergency Response funded by the United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID-BHA). "The very first thing we did when we started operations in Catanduanes was to talk to government officials as to which areas were underserved. They pointed us to several barangays in the municipality of Bato, one of the hardest hit areas. When we went there to assess the needs of the communities, we

found out that people had received assistance, even getting the same type of aid twice over. This was because several organizations distributed aid in the area without informing the local authorities."

This was a stark contrast to the plight of some communities. "The people from Barangay Guinsaanan, which is about 60 km from Virac and also one of the badly hit areas, received no assistance at that time," Kamran continues. "This was not the only case. As we ventured farther, we found out that a lot of barangays were not receiving initial aid as well.

Similar observations were made by Action Against Hunger's Emergency Response team for Typhoon Ulysses (International Name: Vamco) in Cagayan Province funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). "We knew from experience that indigenous people living in geographically isolated areas rarely get assistance," shares Karla Cruz, Head of Project. "So, in coordination with authorities, we were

able to reach them by meeting up in areas that were accessible for them and for us as well."

A new factor emerged in 2020 as an obstacle in aid not reaching people immediately: COVID-19. "Understandably, there were a lot of protocols in place that we had to follow to reach these communities," Karla states. "But, even with us complying with these requirements, it still took a lot of coordination with several government authorities, convincing and assuring them that we were there to help and do no harm in the process."

"Wherever we respond, we always coordinate with local authorities, who are the first and frontline responders in an emergency," says Suresh Murugesu, Deputy Country Director for the Philippine Mission. "This way, we know which areas are underserved and what the people's needs are. We verify the information independently and try to serve as many people as we can." ♦



Action Against Hunger is a global humanitarian organization that takes decisive action against the causes and effects of hunger.

For over 40 years, across nearly 50 countries, we have led the global fight against hunger. We save the lives of malnourished children. We ensure families can access clean water, food, training, and healthcare. We enable entire communities to be free from hunger.



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY COUNTRY DIRECTOR

SURESANATHAN MURUGESU

“We are living at a significant time in recorded human history, a moment wherein all of us are facing the challenges of a shared experience. Whether it be forced lockdowns, economic downturns, or isolation, the pandemic has affected everybody.

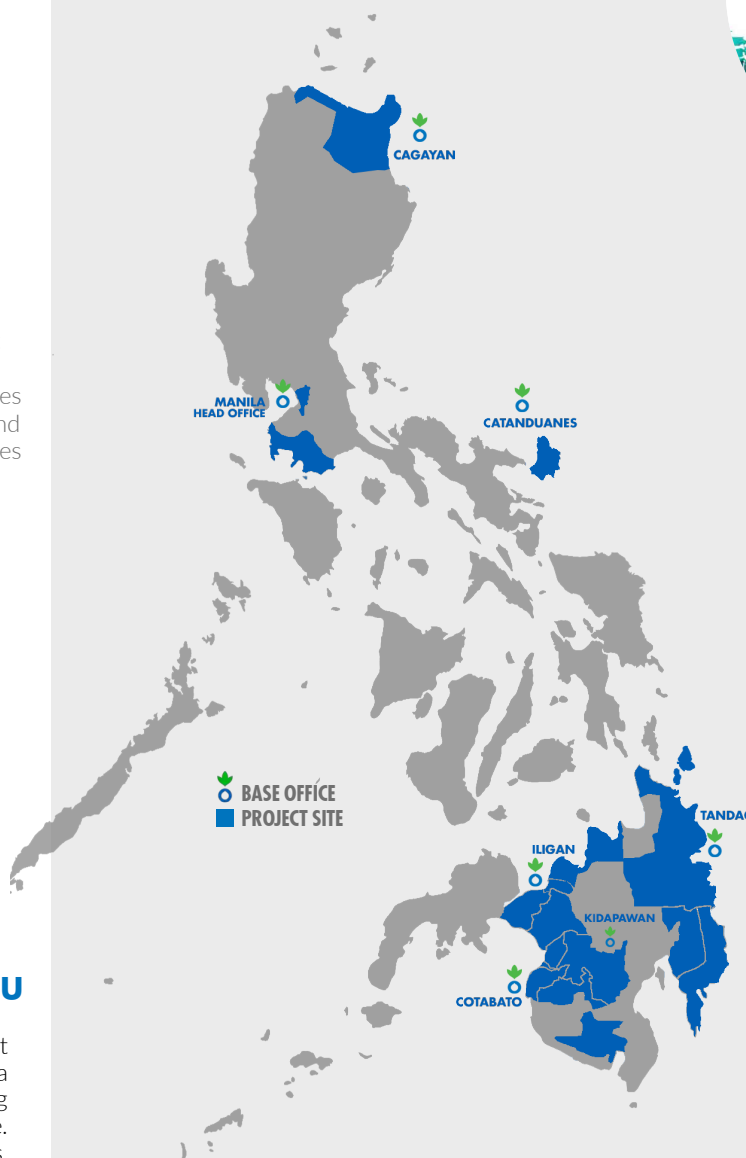
This common ordeal has led to the realization that we are surrounded by real-life heroes embodied by the frontliners who selflessly dedicate themselves in doing their jobs amidst the pandemic – from healthcare & humanitarian personnel to other essential workers.

It is with pride that I inform you that Action Against Hunger staff have never wavered in our commitment to help those who need it the most. We continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable, sustain the implementation of our development programs, and respond to natural and man-made disasters.

Thank you to our donors, our partners in the community, the local government units whom we work with. Your support made us overcome the challenges.

As we look forward in hope this year, our commitment to people in need will always guide us: We will never give up until the world is free from hunger.”

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USE OF FUNDS

Based on the Global Performance Report (2019)

7.8%

Fundraising

5.6%

Management & General

86.6%
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as of January 11, 2021



102,899

Beneficiaries of Food Security & Livelihood (FSL) Assistance



163,275

Beneficiaries of Health Sector Assistance



630,160

Beneficiaries of Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Assistance

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As humanitarian workers, our field teams have time and time again shown great dedication at ground level in reaching even the most isolated communities. Their commitment to our line of work has never faltered. They always give their best efforts despite the risks and challenges they face—a true example that not all heroes wear capes. Get to know some of our #RealLifeHeroes:



ABUBAKAR BALABAGAN

PROJECT ASSISTANT

Emergency Assistance to Typhoon Affected Communities in Catanduanes and Albay Province

What motivates you to become a humanitarian worker?

My purpose, which is to help people in the community who are suffering during disasters, and saving lives as well.

Why are you making this sacrifice?

It makes me fulfilled. I am happy to help vulnerable people in the community through Action Against Hunger and be able to have a role in providing free and direct access to beneficiaries - because it is one of the organization's principles.

What have been the challenges to your work because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

The pandemic is very challenging because of the risk of contracting and/or transmitting

the virus can happen anytime and anywhere if not careful. Because of this, we have to limit gathering beneficiaries in small areas for activities like hygiene promotion sessions.

What motivates you to keep doing your work even with these challenges?

My motivation comes from the people I serve. When I became a humanitarian worker, I became more conscious of the people's daily struggles and have a deeper understanding on how different their situations are. For instance, many of them are striving to survive the economic downturn during this pandemic.

What are you most proud of?

The thought that the work that I do, in some way or another, will have a ripple effect that will impact the lives of the people I serve.



CHARITY MAGDADARO

PROJECT ASSISTANT

Humanitarian Assistance to Typhoon Affected Communities in Region II

What motivates you to become a humanitarian worker?

Working in this field gives me deeper satisfaction than other jobs. I witnessed a huge need of change that most of our communities need, and the small, step-by-step impact of humanitarian intervention to communities always makes a big difference. Being able to witness children learning, mothers accepting new knowledge, and empowering the members of community - these things are priceless.

Why are you making this sacrifice?

With the challenges of the pandemic we are all facing, and the calamities that heap up the burden of the vulnerable community; it is not easy to just ignore it. Humanitarian work is needed. Someone needs to do it. Someone needs to be there. I am answering the call.

What have been the challenges to your work because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Due to budgetary constraints, we

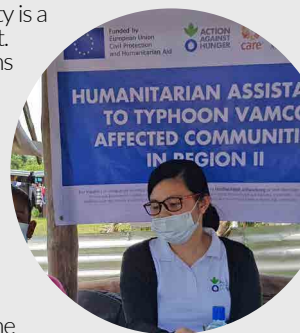
could not help all the people needing assistance. We had to be selective and narrow down our beneficiaries to the most vulnerable sector of the population. Several of our planned activities have also been postponed due to community quarantine protocols. But, beyond these challenges, the risk of being with a lot of people is the most weighing burden I have. The heightened sense of protecting myself for the sake of my family, friends and the team is always the priority.

What motivates you to keep doing your work even with these challenges?

Helping the community is what drives me to keep going. Being an avenue to meet the immediate needs of the community is a fulfilling moment. Our interventions help them sustain hope despite the flooding and the pandemic that had caused them to lose so much. The impact of the assistance I help deliver to the community outweighs the personal risks that the pandemic brings.

What are you most proud of?

I am proud of my team I am with in this emergency response. Despite the pandemic, we are still able to achieve our purpose. There is always that challenge to strike the balance between taking a risk and protecting ourselves. Nonetheless, my team works hard, sacrificing things in life just to do their job at the best level.



850 FAMILIES RECEIVE EMERGENCY AID AFTER TROPICAL STORM AURING

By Joyce Anne Sandajan

Severe Tropical Storm Auring (International Name: Dujan), entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility on February 17 and affected more than 200,000 people as the country's first tropical cyclone of 2021. While it did not develop into a typhoon, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction &

Management Council (NDRRMC), the storm inflicted infrastructure and agricultural damages amounting to 53 million pesos and 106.7 million pesos, respectively.

Surigao del Sur was hit the hardest as Auring's heavy rains caused massive flooding which damaged homes and displaced several families. By February 24, Tandag—Surigao del Sur's capital—was in a state of calamity.

In response to this emergency, Action Against Hunger's field team distributed kits containing basic hygiene materials and non-food items such as blankets and cooking utensils to 850 families across several municipalities in Surigao del Sur: San Agustin,

Marihatag, and Bayabas. Distribution was done between the dates of February 27 to March 2.

This humanitarian assistance was conducted under Action Against Hunger's REACH Project funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and implemented together with CARE Philippines and Oxfam Philippines. ❖



In photo: A beneficiary unpacks the contents of the hygiene and NFI kits she received.

(Photos by Nino Kim Diez, Lea Anora, Mark Dalin-as for Action Against Hunger)



In photo: Beneficiaries of Hygiene & NFI kits participate in the hygiene promotion session.



In photo: Norcaisa with the wheelchair inside her home.
(Photo by Jonairah Alingan for Action Against Hunger)

A WHEELCHAIR OF HER OWN

By Jonairah Alingan

For ten years, Norcaisa Macapasir has become accustomed to using her hands as legs as she lives with paraplegia. Despite her condition, the sixty-two year old is known to maintain a cheerful disposition.

After her husband passed away in 2010, Norcaisa started feeling numbness in her legs. Not long after, her lower body was paralyzed completely. Now, she and her 25-year old son, Alanoding, live together in a *bahay kubo* in Saguiran, Lanao del Sur.

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Thank you...I don't have to borrow a wheelchair from the neighbors anymore whenever I have to do something important.”

NORCAISA MACAPASIR
Saguiran, Lanao Del Sur

To assist her with her personal hygiene, Alanoding made a hole in their wood flooring where she would defecate and urinate.

Without a stable source of income, Norcaisa does not have the budget to buy herself a wheelchair. She would often borrow wheelchairs from the neighborhood at times when she would need to leave their house to run errands or process pay-outs for persons with disabilities (PWDs), and other government assistance.

According to her, if her son is not around, her neighbors would always be ready to run to her need and rescue her whenever there are typhoons or other emergency situations.

Because of Norcaisa's situation, Action Against Hunger in coordination with the municipal health officer (MHO) and the local government unit (LGU) focal for health provided her with logistic support by giving her a wheelchair of her own. On February 23, the wheelchair was personally delivered to her home. "Thank you. I don't have to borrow a wheelchair from the neighbors anymore whenever I have to do something important," she says in tears, overwhelmed with joy from the assistance she received.

The logistic support received by Norcaisa is one of the health and protection interventions under our 'Response to the Unmet Humanitarian Needs of the Most Vulnerable Conflict-Affected Populations in Mindanao' (REACH). The REACH project is funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and is implemented together with CARE Philippines, Oxfam Philippines, and their local partners. ❖

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

By Axhel Delos Santos

The burden that a primary caregiver to a person with mental disorder is rarely talked about. These people, often a family member here in the Philippines, play multiple roles: parent, caregiver, and breadwinner. Melisen Molina has played these roles in the last 36 years, taking care of her son, Loreto, a person living with mental disorder.

A widow at 60 years old, Melisen's only source of income is accepting bulk laundry work from her neighbors. "Every week, I would earn around 500 pesos. This amount would be budgeted for 7 days," she states, "There would be times that my son and I would skip a meal to

make it through the day."

The pandemic brought new challenges. With quarantine and lockdowns in place, she was not able to take her son to the doctor for his free medication. "Without his medicine, my son would manifest strange behaviors and would sometimes turn hostile," she said.

In the early morning of November 11, 2020, Melisen awakened to the heavy rains and strong winds that Super Typhoon Ulysses (Vamco) brought to her community in Barangay Bauan East, Solana, Cagayan Province. As the water started to get higher and higher, she and her son climbed to the roof of their house for safety. "Loreto hugged me so tight that first night and said that we should pray," she narrated, "I burst into tears upon hearing that." Melisen and her son stayed on their roof for three days and two sleepless nights, braving the rain and cold breeze.

of the 1,400 families that received Multi-Purpose Cash Transfer (MPCT) assistance amounting to 5,000 pesos. This was part of Action Against Hunger's Humanitarian Assistance to Typhoon Vamco Affected Communities in Region II project, funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

"I immediately used the money to secure food for us as I am unsure if there would be any work forthcoming," she said, "but I am most thankful that I was able to bring Loreto to his doctor to get his medicines."

“

Loreto hugged me so tight that first night and said that we should pray...I burst into tears upon hearing that.”

MELISEN MOLINA
Brgy. Bauan East,
Solana, Cagayan



In photo: Melisen at home, sharing her story.
(Photo by Axhel Delos Santos for Action Against Hunger)

Life become tougher after that. Laundry work was not available because her neighbors were also recovering from the destruction. To help her recover, they were one

Melisen is hopeful that things will become normal soon, so that she can provide for Loreto's needs. "I almost succumbed to hopelessness if not for the help that we have received from the government and other organizations like Action Against Hunger."❖

STORIES FROM

MAKING ENDS MEET

By Joyce Anne Sandajan

Sixty-seven year-old Carlos Tesorero had one word in mind when asked how he felt when he saw what was left of his home – painful. Carlos, or “Tatay Carlos” as they called him, had a house along the shore of Barangay Guinsaanan in the Municipality of Baras, Catanduanes. On the morning of November 2, 2020—a day after Super Typhoon Rolly made landfall—he, along with the other families living near the sea, returned and saw that the typhoon’s strong winds and heavy rains had completely destroyed their houses. “After the storm had passed, at around eight in the morning we went back to check our houses and everything was gone... It was painful,” said Tatay Carlos. Hollow blocks, scraps of wood, metal, and scattered belongings were all that were left of their homes.

Residents of Barangay Guinsaanan were no strangers to such weather conditions, especially for those residing along the shore. In fact, in less than two weeks, they had experienced the impacts of three typhoons—from Quinta to Rolly to Ulysses. Amongst the three, it was Rolly that greatly affected their homes and livelihoods.

Tatay Carlos worked as a tour guide since 2015. He would accompany tourists to Binurong Point, one of the top tourist destinations in the province and about an hour’s hike from



In photo: Carlos Tesorero stands outside his temporary home (Photo by Joyce Sandajan for Action Against Hunger)

THE FIELD

his barangay. Back then, he would get a two-way trip in a normal week, earning him 200 pesos. This changed when the lockdown was implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “I was okay before, but when the pandemic happened, it was hard because I had absolutely no income,” Tatay Carlos shares.

Tatay Carlos and his fellow tour guides looked for alternative sources of income. He went on to extract and sell dried coconut meat, taro leaves, papayas or other crops, earning just enough to get by. Unfortunately, most of the crops and coconut trees were damaged after the consecutive typhoons. He then started to collect dried wood and would sell them for firewood. He tried to apply for manual labor jobs like construction, but was unsuccessful. “No one was accepting me because I was old, unlike the others,” he lamented.

After the typhoons, the sea level had risen significantly, making the land where his home once stood into a ‘no-build’ zone. Like the other families who lived there, Tatay Carlos now has to start from scratch. For the meantime, he was allowed to reside in a small building which was previously used as a barangay hall.

With all that he has been through, what saddens Tatay Carlos is going through these

ordeals alone. His wife, daughter and grandchild visited a relative in Bulacan last year, but because of travel restrictions and financial constraints, they have not been able to return to Catanduanes since then. Despite living alone, he continues to be in good spirits by regularly talking to his close neighbors and taking care of his cat. He spends his day by going to the sea to catch fish for his own consumption, since these are usually too small to sell. His daily food is augmented by relief packs from various organizations.

Tatay Carlos works hard each day to provide for himself and perhaps earn extra income to save. “What we really need is money,” he says with a weak laugh.

On January 27, Tatay Carlos was one of the 60 beneficiaries from Barangay Guinsaanan who received cash assistance amounting to 5,200 pesos. The multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) was conducted as part of Action Against Hunger’s Emergency Assistance to Typhoon Affected Communities in Catanduanes and Albay, which is co-implemented by CARE Philippines and funded by the United States Agency for International Development’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID-BHA). The project is expected to reach a total of 14,500 people through MPCA alone. The goal of the program is to enable the most vulnerable households to meet immediate food and basic humanitarian needs.

With the assistance he received, Tatay Carlos remains hopeful and positive. “My number one dream is to have a house of my own again,” he shares.

Despite losing both his home and livelihood, Tatay Carlos smiles as he shares the many ways he tries to make ends meet on a daily basis. Knowing he has to start from nothing pains him, but says he is thankful that there are people who are willing to extend kindness through various forms. He may have been through a lot the past year, but his family and the support from his community keeps him going.❖



In photo: From what used to be around ten homes, debris from the totally damaged houses remain along the shoreline of Barangay Guinsaanan. (Photo by Joyce Sandajan for Action Against Hunger)

LESSONS LEARNED:

CASH UTILIZATION AND SPENDING PRIORITIZATION OF BENEFICIARIES OF MULTIPURPOSE CASH TRANSFERS (MPCT)

By Menchie Lacson

There has been a growing popularity among humanitarian agencies working in the Philippines in implementing cash transfer programs (CTP) to deliver support to the affected populations. While the general use of CTP is to meet sectoral objectives through restricting the use of cash, there is now increasing attention and interest in multipurpose cash transfers (MPCT) as a more holistic approach in responding to the crisis-affected people. Multipurpose cash transfers allow the affected households to prioritize their needs which may not be addressed with sector-specific cash transfers.

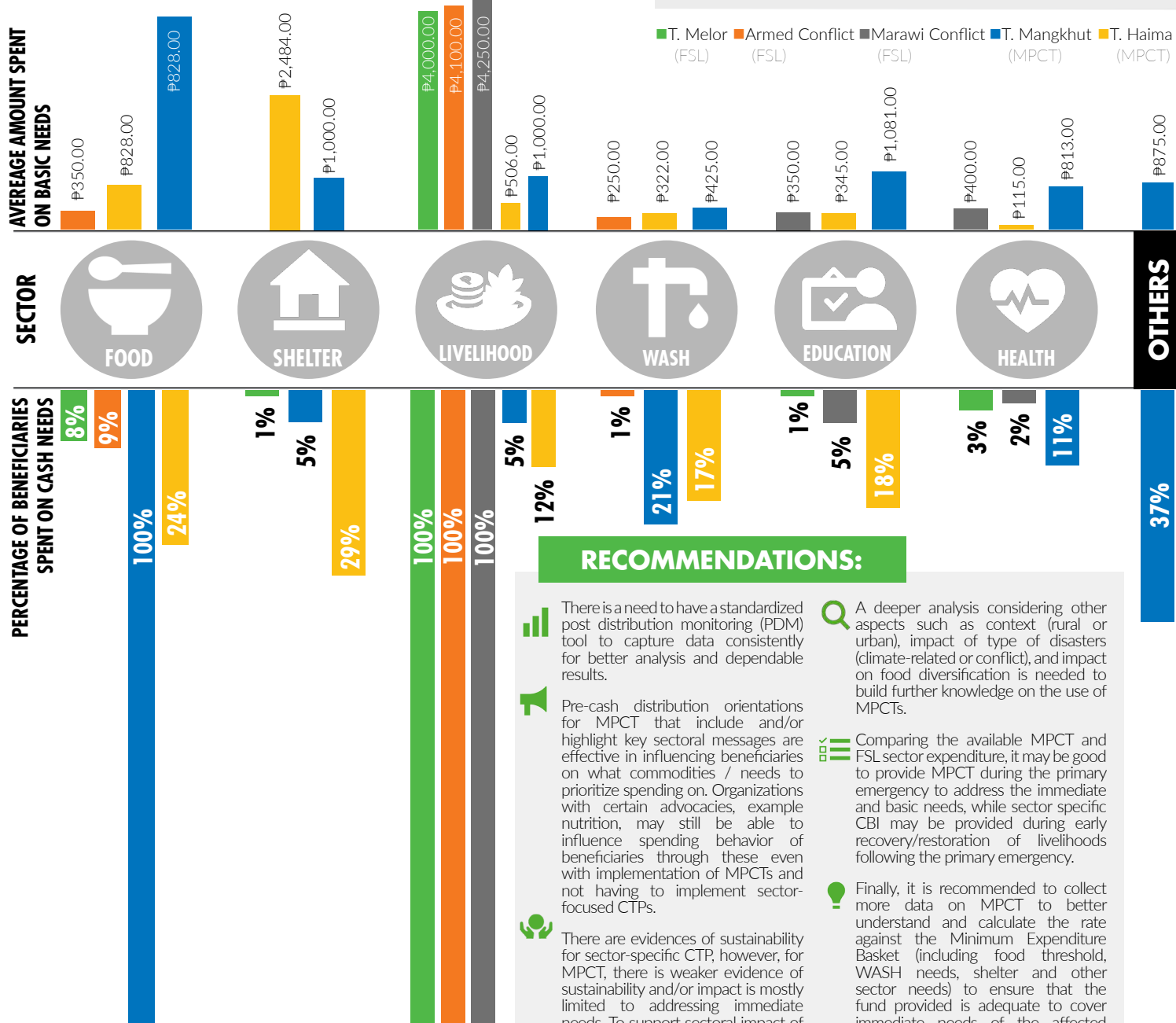
We reviewed completed CTP projects (both MPCTs and sector-specific) of five (5) humanitarian projects implemented from 2016 to 2019:

- Typhoon Melor (2016)
- Typhoon Haima (2016-2017)
- Armed Conflict in Surigao del Sur (2017)
- Typhoon Mangkhut (2018-2019)
- Marawi Conflict Crisis (2018-2019)

The first four projects were funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), while the Marawi Response was funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). For EU-funded projects, we worked with consortium partners, however, only the results from our interventions were considered in the analysis.

AVERAGE CASH UTILIZATION

- For sector-specific CTP, 80% to 100% of the cash grant was utilized on the objective the cash was restricted to which was mainly on livelihoods.
- The 10% to 30% of the remaining cash on the other hand was used for food, educational needs of the children, and medical/health expenses.
- For MPCT, the highest amount spent—50% to 80% of the cash—was on necessities most affected by the disaster.
- The remaining amount after spending on the most prioritized need and on the required objective, the amount of cash spent for other basic needs ranged from 500 to 1,500 pesos, while the least amount spent on average were on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) commodities. This is most probably because the projects had WASH components wherein corresponding needs were already addressed or were provided by other agencies.
- The conditionalities set by the projects such as cash utilization planning, livelihoods trainings, nutrition orientations, and pre-cash distribution orientations were effective in ensuring that the cash support were used as intended, therefore no reports of misuse of cash were reported.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- There is a need to have a standardized post distribution monitoring (PDM) tool to capture data consistently for better analysis and dependable results.
- Pre-cash distribution orientations for MPCT that include and/or highlight key sectoral messages are effective in influencing beneficiaries on what commodities / needs to prioritize spending on. Organizations with certain advocacies, example nutrition, may still be able to influence spending behavior of beneficiaries through these even with implementation of MPCTs and not having to implement sector-focused CTPs.
- There are evidences of sustainability for sector-specific CTP, however, for MPCT, there is weaker evidence of sustainability and/or impact is mostly limited to addressing immediate needs. To support sectoral impact of MPCT, complementary activities are recommended.
- A deeper analysis considering other aspects such as context (rural or urban), impact of type of disasters (climate-related or conflict), and impact on food diversification is needed to build further knowledge on the use of MPCTs.
- Comparing the available MPCT and FSL sector expenditure, it may be good to provide MPCT during the primary emergency to address the immediate and basic needs, while sector specific CBI may be provided during early recovery/restoration of livelihoods following the primary emergency.
- Finally, it is recommended to collect more data on MPCT to better understand and calculate the rate against the Minimum Expenditure Basket (including food threshold, WASH needs, shelter and other sector needs) to ensure that the fund provided is adequate to cover immediate needs of the affected population.

The Invisible Monster

a film by Javier & Guillermo Fesser

JURY AWARD FOR BEST
SHORT FILM

BEST ACTOR AWARD FOR
AMINODIN MUNDER



FILM BASED ON POST-CONFLICT MARAWI WINS BEST FILM AND BEST ACTOR IN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Invisible Monster, a story of the Filipino spirit finding hope and happiness amidst poverty, loss, war, and hunger won the Jury Award for Best Short Film from this year's Festival Iberoamericano de Cortometrajes de ABC (FIBABC). Aminodin Munder, who played his namesake in the film, won Best Actor. The award was presented during the online FIBABC awards gala on December 14, 2020.

The 32-minute film was shot in post-conflict Marawi City with actual residents of Barangay Papandayan-Caniogan starring as actors. The intent was to mobilize people against the extreme form of hunger-malnutrition, a disease that affects 4 million Filipino children. The film was directed by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Javier Fesser and renowned writer and radio host Guillermo Fesser through collaboration with Action Against Hunger. A free online screening of

the film was available from November 27 to December 31, 2020 through Action Against Hunger Philippines' YouTube channel.

Aminodin, along with Yasser Mama, one of the child actors, said "We are pleasantly surprised to know that we won an award. We express our gratefulness for being given the opportunity to be actors." Aminodin, along with most of the actors, live and work in the dumpsite where most of the film was shot.

"I'm happy that the film won an award, I did not hope for this," said Cawi Nasroding Mama who

there are two types of stories, those that impress and those that move you... The Invisible Monster wants to move you, so that it may remain in your memory," shares Guillermo Fesser. "It shows the reality for thousands of children in the Philippines," adding that "hunger is much more than just a food problem."



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GUILLERMO FESSER
Co-director,
The Invisible Monster

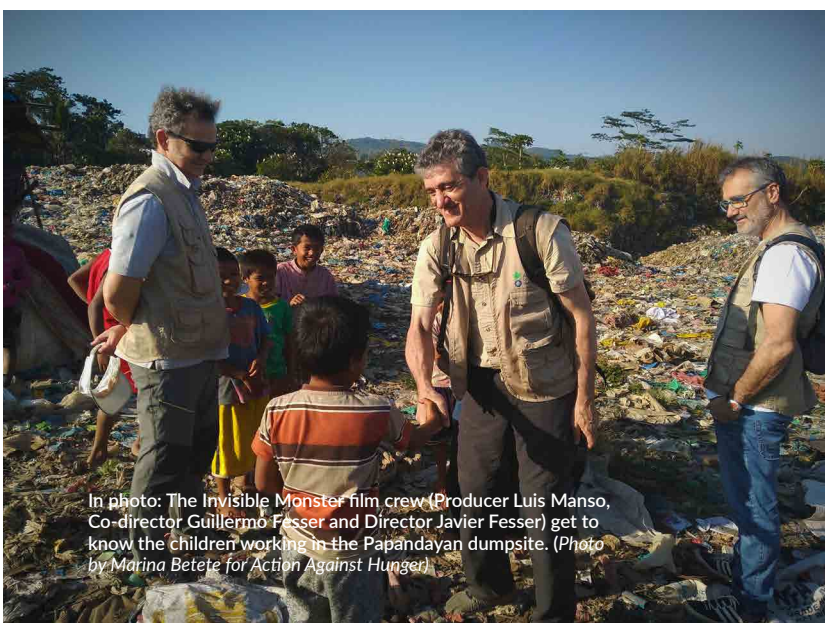
"We wanted to show everyone through the film the invisible reality for a lot of Filipino children" states Dale Nelson Divinagracia, Fundraising Manager for Action Against Hunger. "The symptoms of stunting is not as evident as compared to acute malnutrition, but the effects are as

severe: those affected may never attain their full possible height, have weaker immune systems, and their brains may never develop to their full cognitive potential. They will face learning difficulties in school and get sick more often. If not treated in the first 1,000 days of a person's life, the effects of malnutrition are irreversible and will last that person's whole life."

On their collaboration with the humanitarian organization, Guillermo Fesser shares "we have realized that the invisible hunger, the chronic hunger, the constant and daily hunger is a social illness that is suffered in silence." Javier agrees to this sentiment and adds, "we feel very privileged of being able to shout 'action', but against hunger, against injustice, against inequality."❖

plays Aminodin's father in the film. "It was hard shooting the movie because we had to do several takes. But when I saw the film, I saw that it was beautifully made." He adds, "for me, to the best of my abilities, I will support any initiative that will help Marawi rise again."

"In the world



In photo: The Invisible Monster film crew (Producer Luis Manso, Co-director Guillermo Fesser and Director Javier Fesser) get to know the children working in the Papandayan dumpsite. (Photo by Marina Betete for Action Against Hunger)

#CONNECTED AGAINST HUNGER

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER IS LAUNCHING ITS FIRST CONNECTED SPORTS CHALLENGE FOR COMPANIES AROUND THE WORLD.

An International Challenge

#ConnectedAgainstHunger will be implemented by Action Against Hunger teams in the Philippines, Canada, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, and Spain. Companies can mobilize their employees on a national and international level.

"This is the first time in the history of Action Against Hunger that we are offering an event that is supported by the whole international network," states Cathy Gabrielczyk, Head for Private Partnerships - Sports for Action Against Hunger France. "This challenge is an opportunity for companies all over the world to help us fight hunger while strengthening their employee's teamwork. All of us will be united to fight against the impact of climate change we are all experiencing!"

**Registrations will be open until
May 26, 2021.**

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daily challenges faced by our field teams all over the world while completing a series of exciting individual and team fitness challenges: walking, running, cycling, swimming, and yoga. These activities will be recorded through the #ConnectedAgainstHunger application (available on the first week of June in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store). With the app, participants can monitor individual and team rankings, stay up-to-date with a live news feed and share their experiences on a live social wall.

"Employee team building activities that promote teamwork have been non-existent

since last year because of the pandemic," says Dale Nelson Divinagracia, Fundraising Manager for the Philippine Mission. "The campaign is a way to increase employee wellness and motivation as they collaborate together on a common goal."

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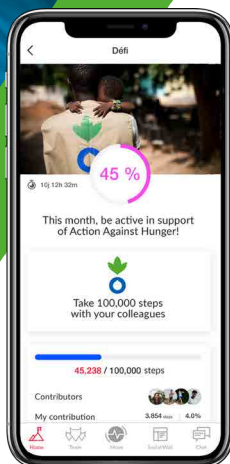
DALE NELSON DIVINAGRACIA
Fundraising Manager

**From
June 7 to July 2.**

Action Against Hunger will launch a unifying digital sports challenge, #ConnectedAgainstHunger. Companies from all over the world can sign up and help fight the climate crisis!

Floods, droughts, heatwaves and storms – in recent years, extreme climate events have intensified and become more frequent, severely impacting food security and the livelihoods of millions of people. Climate change is a leading cause of rising global hunger, affecting all aspects of the food system. Everyday, our field teams come face-to-face with the realities of climate change.

With #ConnectedAgainstHunger, people will gain an in-depth understanding of the



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FIGHT HUNGER, BE A WINNER

Fight Hunger, Be A Winner was launched last December 2020 in partnership with Oven Depot, the official retailer of Ooni Pizza Ovens in the Philippines. From December 14 to 31, anyone who donated a minimum of 300 pesos through the Action Against Hunger Philippines website gained a raffle entry to win Ooni Pizza Ovens. A total of ₱139,558.00 was raised through the campaign which will benefit the organization's life-saving projects combating malnutrition in the Philippines. "It's been an unfortunate year for our country and for the world as well, so we wanted to give back and do something that was related to our business," said Renzo Herbosa, one of the co-owners of Oven Depot.

According to Renzo, the Oven Depot team decided to reach out to Action Against Hunger because of a different campaign—The Invisible

Monster film. "When we watched it, our whole company was very moved. We wanted to do something about it, we wanted to take part and luckily enough we were able to do so. Thank you Action Against Hunger for the opportunity," he shared.

Five (5) lucky winners were randomly selected through an electronic raffle draw on January 4, 2021. The winners received various prizes sponsored by Oven Depot, specifically an Ooni Koda Pizza Oven for two 2nd prize winners, Ooni Karu Pizza Oven for two 3rd prize winners, and an Ooni Pro Pizza Oven for the grand prize. ❖

