

# TYPHOON ODETTE RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION TOWARDS CLIMATE RESILIENT PROGRAMME

**OUR PROJECT, A COLLABORATION BETWEEN ACTION AGAINST HUNGER PHILIPPINES AND UNICEF, AIMS TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AGENCIES IN CARAGA TO DELIVER SUSTAINABLE WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) SERVICES.**

Our project focuses on Siargao Island, an area that has faced significant challenges due to its geographic vulnerabilities and the devastating impact of Typhoon Odette in December 2021. Since then, Action Against Hunger has been actively engaged in supporting the island's recovery, particularly through resilience-building initiatives in WASH and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Siargao's coastal and island communities are among the most at-risk in the Philippines due to frequent natural disasters such as typhoons, floods, and landslides. The island's limited infrastructure and geographical isolation pose unique challenges, including poor access to clean water and sanitation services. Many municipalities are classified as 4th to 6th class, indicating limited resources and investments in critical lifelines like communication, transportation, and energy.

The impact of Typhoon Odette exacerbated these issues, leading to widespread damage, reduced household incomes, and heightened health risks—especially for children, women, and vulnerable groups.

By improving WASH services, the “Typhoon Odette Recovery and Rehabilitation Towards Climate Resilient Programme” project addresses critical barriers to children's health and education, reducing the risk of waterborne diseases and promoting safe sanitation practices in schools and communities.

Our project aligns closely with UNICEF's advocacy to protect children's rights and ensure their well-being in underserved areas.

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## KEY NUMBERS

Start Date : **4 NOVEMBER 2024**

End date **20 NOVEMBER 2025**

**15,000** TARGET  **BENEFICIARIES**

## AREAS OF INTERVENTIONS




Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte.

- Municipality of San Benito
- Municipality of Del Carmen
- Municipality of Pilar
- Municipality of Burgos
- Municipality of Santa Monica

## MAIN OBJECTIVE

This program aims to improve local governments' WASH services and governance mechanisms for disaster recovery, rehabilitation, and climate change adaptation and to improve access to clean water, promote hygiene, and ensure proper sanitation to reduce waterborne illnesses and improve public health. Through technical training, resource provision, and strategic planning, the project enhances regional and provincial capabilities in WASH and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). By aligning operational management with national and regional action plans, the project ensures long-term sustainability and community resilience.

## SECTORS

-  Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene
-  Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
-  Advocacy

## INTERVENTION AREAS



### SIARGAO ISLAND

### PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE

- 1 SAN BENITO
- 2 DEL CARMEN
- 3 PILAR
- 4 BURGOS
- 5 SANTA MONICA



## ABOUT



**ACTION AGAINST HUNGER**

### ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

Action Against Hunger is a global humanitarian organization that takes decisive action against the causes and effects of hunger. For over 40 years, Action Against Hunger has been a leading organization dedicated to combating hunger worldwide. Our presence in the Philippines has spanned for over two decades, reaching isolated and hard-to-reach communities and prioritizing areas with often overlooked needs. With a long track record of emergency, early recovery, and development work in the country, our programs directly support the population, communities, and local government units affected by crises and development bottlenecks, ensuring that everyone has equal opportunities to lead more fulfilling lives.

### UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to protect the rights of every child. Committed to ensuring all children survive, thrive, and reach their full potential, UNICEF focuses on health, nutrition, education, child protection, and emergency response. Through partnerships and innovative approaches, UNICEF addresses the most pressing challenges, advocating for children and supporting communities to build a better future for every child.

## TARGET OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

### OUTPUT 1

#### STRENGTHENING CLIMATE-RESILIENT WASH PROGRAMMING AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

- Support local government units in developing Local Climate Change Action Plans, emphasizing climate-resilient water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, and applying integrated water resource management as a key approach.
- Facilitate participation in regional training sessions in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Department of Health, the Department of Science and Technology, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Assist in preparing contingency plans, disaster risk reduction and management in health strategies, and integrated water, sanitation, and hygiene plans that incorporate sustainable and climate-adaptive initiatives.

### OUTPUT 2

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH-LED CLIMATE ACTION ON WASH THROUGH SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE STRATEGIES

- Build on and enhance the social and behavior change and communication for development (SBC-C4D) strategy on children and youth in climate action to identify and implement water, sanitation, and hygiene-related climate action activities.
- Develop the capacity of youth leaders and local government staff to carry out effective community engagement initiatives.
- Mobilize support from local governments, communities, and the private sector to implement youth-led climate action activities.

### OUTPUT 3

#### RESILIENT SANITATION SERVICE

- Support local government units in achieving Zero Open Defecation status at the barangay or municipal level and ensuring readiness for safely managed sanitation services.
- Establish mechanisms to support the operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of sanitation services.
- Facilitate the construction of household sanitation facilities using smart subsidies, blended financing, and innovative, inclusive approaches to improve household sanitation programs.

### OUTPUT 4

#### INCREASED ACCESS TO RESILIENT WATER SUPPLY SERVICES IN CLIMATE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

- Provide material and technical assistance to improve water supply and sources in the targeted areas.
- Enhance the capacity of local government units in water safety planning, including the evaluation and auditing of water safety plans.
- Organize workshops on water service expansion with private sector participation to foster collaboration and improve service delivery.

### OUTPUT 5

#### RESILIENT WASH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS

- Organize workshops to identify and select appropriate water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions for schools, based on climate hazards, vulnerability mitigation, and adaptation.
- Support the construction and improvement of WASH facilities in schools using innovative water and sanitation products.
- Establish mechanisms to ensure the operation, maintenance, and long-term sustainability of water and sanitation services in schools.

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