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Operational Context

A middle-income country, the Philippines is the second fastest growing economy in Asia, but has struggled to transpose these improvements into tangible human development gains. Poverty remains above 20 percent. Hunger in the country declined to “serious” in 2017.

In October 2017, the Government declared Marawi City liberated from the ISIS-inspired Maute/Abu Sayyaf Group. Over 10,000 families are still displaced and more than 60,000 returned families require humanitarian assistance. Rehabilitation is expected to take several years.

Super Typhoon Mangkhut struck the Philippines in September. The disaster affected more than 3 million individuals and caused damages to crops, livestock and infrastructure estimated at more than US\$600 million.

Aiming to save lives and change lives, WFP aims to assist the Government in achieving its long-term goals in the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, in line with the UN Development Assistance Framework, the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals, and the Zero Hunger Challenge.



Population: **103 million**

2016 Human Development Index: **116 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

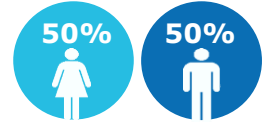
Chronic malnutrition: **33.4% of children between 6-59 months**

In Numbers

830 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$2.39 m six months (October 2018-March 2019) net funding requirements

138,677 people assisted
in September 2018



Operational Updates

- WFP aided the Government’s Super Typhoon Mangkhut response through the transportation of 1,034 mt of rice from the National Food Authority Warehouse to the National Response Operations Centre (food packing facility). WFP also loaned a mobile storage unit, 120 wooden pallets, and warehouse management support to the Department of Social Welfare and Development office in Benguet.
- WFP participated on the coordinated rapid damage needs assessment in Regions I, II, and the Cordillera Administrative Region which aimed to better understand the priority humanitarian needs in the affected regions. The findings revealed cash-based assistance as a top priority for intervention.
- WFP will implement an unconditional cash-based assistance programme to assist 5,800 typhoon-affected families in Itogon, Benguet and Baggao, Cagayan in the coming months.
- In Marawi, WFP launched SCOPE – its cloud-based beneficiary and entitlement system – to assist the Government in the profiling and validation of permanent residents of Marawi City who have returned and those who are still displaced. In a pilot run in Sagonsongan, WFP registered 133 families.
- WFP’s food assistance continues in Marawi, reaching 3,280 individuals through general distribution of rice, and 49,453 schoolchildren through emergency school feeding. In Maguindanao, WFP on-site school feeding reached 44,593 schoolchildren.
- Through its nutrition programmes in Marawi and Maguindanao, WFP provided 5,871 pregnant and lactating women and 10,150 children under five with specialized nutritious food. These nutrition interventions bring the country closer to the goal of reducing stunting and wasting rates in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.
- WFP’s asset creation activity in Marawi empowers farm and fisher families in Central Mindanao. WFP reached 25,330 individuals.

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Oct 2018- Mar 2019 Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
40.7 m	7.10 m	2.39 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome #1: Crisis-affected people in the Philippines are able to meet their food and nutrition needs during and immediately after an emergency.
Focus area: *Crisis response*

- Activities:**
- Provide unconditional food and nutrition assistance through the governments' safety net or partners to crisis-affected communities following natural disasters or human-induced shocks and disruptions

Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition

Strategic Outcome #2: Women, boys, and girls in provinces prioritized by the Government have adequate and healthy diets to reduce malnutrition in line with government targets by 2022.
Focus area: *Root Cause*

- Activities:**
- Provide direct and technical assistance to boys, girls, women and care providers as well as technical assistance to government, build evidence and advocate to ensure nutrition specific and sensitive multiple sectorial responses lead to adequate and healthy diets during the critical times of development.

Strategic Result 5: Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome #3: Vulnerable communities in Mindanao have improved food security, in support of government targets by 2022.
Focus area: *Resilience*

- Activities:**
- Support the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and local governments to address the Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) needs of all segments of the population (activity category: 9, modality: CS/food/cash) to further consolidate and enhance existing peace and development plans

Strategic Result 5: Capacity Strengthening

Strategic Outcome #4: National and Local Government have enhanced capabilities to reduce vulnerabilities to shocks by 2022.
Focus area: *Resilience*

- Activities:**
- Support national and local capacities for disaster risk reduction and management as well as climate change adaptation
 - Strengthen and augment government and partners' emergency preparedness and response capacity to include supply chain and ICT

Challenges

- Funding remains a challenge. WFP continues to reach out for donor commitments to ensure full programme implementation to achieve the Strategic Results outlined in its Country Strategic Plan 2018-2023.

Monitoring

- WFP's partnership with Kalimudan Foundation Inc. (KFI) has been extended until December 2018. KFI supports WFP in monitoring the school feeding, general food distribution, and asset creation activities in Marawi. Monitoring allows WFP to oversee, evaluate, and improve the performance of the programme towards achieving its goal of contributing to the rehabilitation and recovery of those affected by the Marawi siege.
- For its nutrition interventions, local non-government organization Adventist Relief and Development Agency (ADRA) conducts monitoring activities with WFP. Post-monitoring distribution on the outcomes of the nutrition activities in Marawi is planned for October.

WFP Supports the Philippines' BuildPeace Project

WFP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) in September. Through this partnership, WFP will provide technical support to OPAPP's BuildPeace Project to ensure that food security agenda is integrated in the Local Development Plans of the local government units of Marawi City.

The BuildPeace Project aims to promote healing, reconciliation, and bridging of social divides and mainstreaming conflict sensitivity and peace through rehabilitation and recovery efforts in Marawi.

WFP re-established its presence in the Philippines in 2006 to assist the Government in the peace process in Mindanao.



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