



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
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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 according to the Asian Development Bank. Food in the country declined from “moderate” to “serious” from 2016 to 2017 (Global Hunger Index). The country ranked third in the 2017 World Risk Index and fifth out of 181 countries in the 2017 Global Climate Risk Index.

In May 2017, the ISIS-inspired Maute/Abu Sayyaf Group occupation of Marawi City displaced more than 7,000 families. The Government declared the city liberated in October 2017, but over 10,000 families are still displaced and more than 60,000 returned families require humanitarian assistance. Rehabilitation is expected to take several years.

Aiming to save lives and change lives, WFP’s presence in the Philippines focuses on assisting the Government in achieving its long-term goals anchored on the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022. It is also in line with the UN Development Assistance Framework, the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals, as well as 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

846 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$-3.32 m six months (September 2018-February 2019) net funding requirements

172,942 people assisted
in August 2018



Operational Updates

- WFP’s general distribution provides **food rations** (50 kg of rice) to displaced populations in Iligan City and returned populations in Marawi City. In August, WFP assisted a total of **8,356 families**, or 41,780 individuals.
- WFP supports the education of young schoolchildren in Central Mindanao through its **school feeding programme**. In Marawi City, WFP reached **50,569 boys and girls** in 148 elementary schools in 15 municipalities. Meanwhile, WFP’s on-site school feeding in Maguindanao reached **46,497 boys and girls**.
- Part of WFP’s commitment to attaining zero stunting rates among children are its **nutrition programmes** in Marawi and Maguindanao. In Marawi, WFP’s blanket and targeted supplementary feeding reached **1,700 pregnant and lactating women (PLWs)** and **5,900 children under five**. In Maguindanao, WFP assisted **7,986 PLWs** and **10,610 children under five**. These two activities are in line with the goal of ensuring that every child’s development reaches its full potential during their first five years of life.
- WFP’s **asset creation activity** in Marawi empowers farm and fisher families who lost their livelihoods during the siege. In August, WFP reached **7,900 families**.
- On 23 August, WFP participated in the **Resilience Marketplace Innovation Forum** organized by the Department of Interior and Local Government in Pasay City. The forum brought together more than 1,000 organizations to discuss the concept of resilience in the context of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management – Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (DRRM-CCAM). WFP showcased its work on Disaster Preparedness Response and Climate Change Adaptation with communication materials and its recent publication, “*Handa*,” a resource book on disaster preparedness response for local government units, which can be viewed [here](#).

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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Sept 2018- Feb 2019 Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
40.7 m	3.65 m	3.32 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

Monitoring

- WFP's general distribution of rice in the communities affected by the Marawi siege will be completed in September. Based on recent monitoring findings, the families served were generally satisfied with the immediate food assistance they received.

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.

WFP Philippines Celebrates World Humanitarian Day

On 19 August, WFP Philippines celebrated World Humanitarian Day by putting the [#StaffSpotlight](#) on some of the newer faces in WFP.

As a humanitarian organization, WFP works with a variety of partners – from government agencies to communities – to address food security and nutrition. Within WFP, the cornerstone of saving lives and changing lives lie on each and everyone's commitment to working together. #StandTogether



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