



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

WFP Philippines Country Brief November 2021



Two girls eat WFP biscuits at the Tacloban airport, after Super-Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) hit in 2013; a new WFP study provides a first-ever look at the links between climate change and food security in the Philippines
© WFP/Marco Frattini

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 was at 19.8 percent in 2020 and the country ranks 4th among countries most affected by climate risks in a 20-year period. Now exacerbated by the impact of COVID-19, natural hazards and man-made conflicts contribute to food insecurity.

WFP supports the Government of the Philippines in its emergency response to natural hazards and armed conflicts, while gradually shifting to prioritise capacity strengthening measures through technical support and augmentation of logistics capacity as the Government responds to the needs of the population affected by COVID-19.

As a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty, WFP is committed to supporting the Government with strategic measures for building resilience to food and nutrition insecurity, supporting nutritional rehabilitation of undernourished children, and improved access to income-generating activities for rural poor in Mindanao. Specifically, WFP works on a humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach in the Bangsamoro Region during its transition period.

WFP also supports the Government's Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger in its goal of putting an end to hunger by 2030, in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger.



Population: **110 million**

2020 Human Development Index
Ranking: **107 out of 189**

Childhood stunting: **28.3 percent**
(National Nutrition Survey, 2019)

Income Level: **Lower middle**



DAYS OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



In Numbers

335 people assisted in November 2021

US\$ 2,671 cash-based transfers made

US\$ 700,000 six-month net funding requirements

56%



44%



Operational Updates

Emergency Response

- WFP continued to loan **its prepositioned stocks of emergency logistics response equipment** to different government bodies in support of their activities. In November, WFP extended the loan agreement to the Municipality of Pila for one Mobile Storage Unit (MSU). Additionally, WFP donated one ablution unit to the Municipality of Pila. The MSU and ablution unit will be used as temporary medical facilities supporting the municipalities COVID-19 response operations.

Disaster Preparedness & Climate Change Adaptation

- WFP completed the registration of beneficiaries for the UN joint **Anticipatory Action** pilot which aims to support vulnerable populations prior to a disaster. In November, an additional 2,100 households were registered in SCOPE (WFP's beneficiary information and transfer management platform), completing the planned number of 25,000 households in Albay, Catanduanes, and Sorsogon. Registered households will receive cash assistance in case of an extreme weather event, so they can take anticipatory actions to protect their food security and livelihoods. This joint UN agency project is funded by UN CERF, implemented by OCHA, FAO, IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WFP.

Study on Climate Change & Food Security

- A **new WFP study** analyses the **links between climate change and food security in the Philippines**, particularly the threats and the opportunities it presents to food, nutrition, and livelihood in rural and urban areas. The study was launched at a high-level meeting with the Government, private sector, and development partners, coinciding with the final day of the World Global Climate Summit - COP 26 - in Glasgow. In a first for the country, the study presents a set of scenarios of possible climate change impacts over time: 2030, 2050, 2070, and 2090. The launch was attended by 2,628 students, academics, development partners, private sector and Government officials.

Contact info: wfp.philippines@wfp.org

Country Director: Brenda Barton

Further information: www.wfp.org/countries/Philippines

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2023)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
48.56 m	35.81 m	0.8 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

Donors

Australia, Bank of America, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), Germany, Italy, Japan, Japan Association for the World Food Programme, New Zealand, the Philippines, private sector, United States of America, United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund, and World Bank.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- WFP Philippines has finalized its external **mid-term review** of the **Country Strategic Plan** for 2018-2023. The **Monitoring & Evaluation survey data and visualization of the "Kayod Ka Bangsamoro" (KKB) Food Security Convergence** was presented and handed over by WFP to the Environment Ministry of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). KKB is an initiative to address food insecurity and to provide income-generating activities. The data is intended to help in the planning of the participation of decommissioned and soon-to-be-decommissioned combatants in environmental protection and rural development initiatives.

Capacity Strengthening

- WFP continues to **provide technical assistance to the Technical Working Group** of the Bangsamoro Food Sufficiency Task Force, as the BARMM government finalizes the Food Security Plan for 2022 to 2025.
- Orientation and consultation workshops on Home Grown School Feeding (HGFSF)** were conducted in three municipalities of Lanao del Sur. The HGFSF concept was introduced as a framework in BARMM to prioritize locally produced food commodities for government's feeding programs, and to link local farmers and actors to institutional feeding programs.
- WFP facilitated the **orientation on the Gender Sensitive Training (GST) / Gender Transformative Asset Creation** to participants from the convergence sites in Datu Saudi and Datu Abdullah Sangki in the province of Maguindanao. The objective is to support in designing, implementing, and measuring programmes to mainstream gender in the community activities.

Advocacy

- WFP Philippines joined the rest of the world in commemorating the launch of the 16 Days of activism to eliminate violence against women with the slogans: "Break the silence, break the cycle of abuse, and speak out! Time to #OrangeTheWorld". WFP staff from Manila, Cotabato, and all over the Philippines gathered virtually for an #OrangeTheWorld internal event to discuss advocacy and how it links to WFP Philippines' objectives. Photos of the gathering are available online on WFP's [social media channel](#).



WFP staff commemorated the campaign to eliminate violence against women. © WFP/Christine Suntay