



Philippines

Due to a series of natural disasters in recent years, including Super Typhoon Haiyan and Typhoon Hagupit, and decades of conflict in Mindanao, some regions of the Philippines are struggling to recover and prepare for future shocks and stresses. The Philippines is the third most disaster-prone country in the world experiencing an average of 20 typhoons each year as well as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.¹ UNICEF works in close partnership with the Government to prepare for and respond to the needs of children when disasters hit. In December 2014, Typhoon Hagupit affected over 2 million people and UNICEF has supported the Government led response with emergency supplies. In addition, the Government is leading the response for 60,000 people affected by evacuations around Mayon Volcano in October 2014 and significant work also is needed to complete the recovery caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Recurrent conflict in Mindanao has excluded many people from the benefits of economic growth and development experienced in the rest of the country. Disrupted schooling, poor sanitation and high rates of malnutrition all need to be addressed. The 38,000 people who remain displaced after the conflict in Zamboanga in 2013 are among the most vulnerable.

Humanitarian strategy

In 2015, UNICEF will continue to work with all levels of government, humanitarian and development partners, and directly with affected communities to meet humanitarian needs and build resilience for the most vulnerable children and communities affected by conflict and natural disasters. For both the Zamboanga and the broader Mindanao response, UNICEF is working to ensure adequate provision of basic services to prevent child morbidity and mortality, allow children to access education, and protect them from all forms of violence. It will be critical to address the issues of elevated rates of malnutrition in Zamboanga (13 per cent Global Acute Malnutrition and 40 per cent stunting) and out-of-school children through inter-sectoral programming will be critical. In Zamboanga, the focus will be on 23,000 people in evacuation centres and transition sites, as well as the host communities. UNICEF will respond to needs from Typhoon Hagupit and replenish supplies that have been dispatched while maintaining pre-positioned supplies for up to 12,000 households (about the same number that are currently affected by evacuations around Mayon Volcano). These supplies are critical and allow for

rapid, life-saving assistance at the onset of an emergency.

Results from 2014

Thanks to the generosity of our donors US\$156 million of the US\$144 million appeal for 2014 was funded². This enabled UNICEF to play an important role in responding to the massive needs created by Super-Typhoon Haiyan. UNICEF implemented programmes across all sectors in the 40 local government units most affected by Haiyan. More than 1.35 million people were provided with access to safe water, 1.78 million children were vaccinated against measles, 625,000 children were provided with learning materials, 58,000 children received psychosocial support and 15,800 vulnerable households received cash transfers. The overwhelming scale of the response meant that implementing partners' capacities were sometimes constrained with lower than expected results in IYCF counselling, CFS access and teachers trained on emergency topics. One year later, UNICEF is focused on recovery and improving disaster risk reduction (DRR) systems to improve resilience to future hazards. While appeals for Zamboanga, Mindanao and Bohol were underfunded, UNICEF worked closely with the Government and partners to meet the needs of affected children.

Humanitarian Action for Children

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Total affected population: 4,294,350

Total affected children (under 18): 2,435,610

Total people to be reached in 2015: 273,327

Total children to be reached in 2015: 142,831

2015 Programme Targets

Nutrition

- 15,750 caregivers of children under 2 years with access to infant and young child feeding counselling
- 26,000 children aged 6 to 59 months in priority areas screened for malnutrition

Health

- 7,433 children under 1 years in priority areas receiving routine expanded programme on immunization (EPI)
- 185 health workers trained in essential intrapartum and newborn care

WASH

- 63,750 people with access to safe water
- 35,250 people with access to appropriate toilets
- 63,750 people provided with information on safe hygiene practices

Child Protection

- 2,250 children that attend child friendly spaces (CFS)
- 260 service providers trained in child protection in emergencies (CPIE)
- 75 per cent of reported cases of grave child rights violations (GCRVs) verified and responded to

Education

- 53,726 children 3-17 years provided with learning materials and supplies
- 74,283 children 3-17 years with access to safe learning environment

DRR and Preparedness

- 12,000 households can be rapidly assisted using pre-positioned stocks

¹ <https://www.ehs.unu.edu/file/get/10487.pdf>

² Exclusive of funds carried forward from 2013

| 2014 PROGRAMME TARGETS AND RESULTS | Cluster 2014 Target (Haiyan only) | Cluster Total Results (Haiyan only) | UNICEF 2014 Target | UNICEF Total Results |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| NUTRITION | | | | |
| Female caregivers of children aged 0 to 23 months with access to infant and young child feeding counselling for appropriate feeding | 250,000 | 87,985 | 234,465 | 105,618 |
| Pregnant women provided with iron/folic acid supplementation | 30,000 | 20,104 | 30,000 | 26,175 |
| HEALTH | | | | |
| Children aged 6 to 59 months in priority areas vaccinated with measles vaccine | | | 1,100,000 | 1,784,401 |
| Children under 1 year in priority areas receiving routine Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) | | | 29,000 | 17,792 |
| WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE | | | | |
| People with access to sufficient water of appropriate quality and quantity for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene | 1,500,000 | 2,007,873 | 1,377,100 | 1,536,591 |
| People with access to appropriately designed toilets | 650,000 | 360,932 | 721,800 | 438,158 |
| Children in schools/learning spaces with access to hygiene kits of key hygiene items | 500,000 | 504,209 | 630,800 | 527,099 |
| CHILD PROTECTION | | | | |
| Children with safe access to child-friendly spaces | 115,500 | 88,195 | 147,100 | 51,200 |
| Children and their caregivers benefitting from enrolment in quality psychosocial support services | 115,500 | 90,995 | 120,000 | 65,872 |
| EDUCATION | | | | |
| Pre-school and school-aged children (aged 3 to 17 years) provided with learning materials and supplies | 550,000 | 608,274 | 675,900 | 706,047 |
| Children access temporary learning spaces | 500,000 | 467,500 | 300,000 | 230,467 |
| Education service providers receive training on at least one emergency topic | 10,000 | 4,023 | 10,000 | 4,884 |

Results through 4 November 2014 unless noted otherwise

Funding requirements

UNICEF is requesting US\$11 million to meet the humanitarian needs of children in the Philippines in 2015. This includes: US\$5 million to respond to the needs of conflict affected children in Mindanao; US\$3 million to respond to Typhoon Hagupit; US\$2 million for displaced people and host communities in Zamboanga; and US\$1 million to invest in preparedness and immediate responses for Typhoon Ruby and future disasters. This funding will allow UNICEF to support the Government to provide basic services including water, sanitation, nutrition, education, child protection and health care. It will also enable UNICEF to work with communities and service providers to change behaviours and strengthen systems to build resilience, as well as prepositioning supplies to respond to future emergencies.

| Sector | 2015 Requirements (US\$) |
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| Nutrition | 2,584,000 |
| Health | 1,324,000 |
| Water, Sanitation & Hygiene | 3,494,000 |
| Child Protection | 1,584,000 |
| Education | 2,014,000 |
| Total | 11,000,000 |

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