Typhoon Odette

Background Figures

10,282,097 people have been affected by Typhoon Odette, of which:

- 2,519,589 women of reproductive age in Typhoon-affected areas
- 98,097 women are estimated to be pregnant in Typhoon-affected areas
- 24,350 pregnant women in Typhoon-affected areas are at risk of obstetric complications (estimated 15%)
- 49,194 total number of women with an unmet need for family planning (pre-Typhoon)
- 13,023 Cases of sexual violence will seek care

Widespread damage from Typhoon Odette continues to hamper the safety and security of women, children, young people, and families in affected areas.

Hospitals and clinics remain damaged and services limited. Access to emergency transportation for acute care, including obstetric emergencies, remains limited.

Referral pathways need to be fully operational for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and protection, Maternal, Sexual, and Reproductive health (MSRH) services, mental health services, and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) mechanisms to continue. UNFPA intends to fill service gaps with the following:

- Repair to health infrastructure and support of human resources for health
- Continued provision of medical supplies to ensure continuity of quality medical services
- Recruitment and training of staff for GBV education, mitigation, and response services
- Scale up additional Women's Health on Wheels (WHOW) services for locations with limited capacity to respond to GBV and women's health
- Ensure focused adolescent-friendly services to girls at higher risk of unintended pregnancies and exploitation
- Provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for GBV and health protection staff
- Integration of mental health, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), and accountability to all affected populations across programming

Key Immediate Needs

WHOW Funds needed: USD $14.23 million
Funds received: USD $3.44 million
Funding gap: USD $10.79 million
Since December 2021, UNFPA implemented the following to address emergency, life-saving needs of the Typhoon-affected population:

- Responded with the deployment of human resources in strategic locations to assess, respond effectively to the most acute needs, and support GBV and SRH coordination efforts in partnership with the government (Southern Leyte and Caraga)

- Provided training for Women Friendly Spaces (WFS) facilitators in Dinagat Island and Surigao del Norte. WFS will provide services for women and girl survivors of gender based violence (GBV), as well as safe spaces for education, socialization, and referral.

- Provided a Women’s Health on Wheels vehicle (HOW) for essential reproductive health services (including delivery, emergency stabilization, and GBV referral) now being deployed in Southern Leyte.

- Established two (2) Emergency Maternity Tent Facilities, supplying them with 14 reproductive health kits - Clean Delivery Kits (RH Kit 2A) and Reusable Equipment for Clinical Delivery Assistance (RH Kit 6A) - to provide prenatal and postnatal care, delivery, and other reproductive health services in areas hardest hit by Typhoon Odette. UNFPA also distributed Clean Delivery Kits (RH Kit 2A) to municipal birthing facilities, and committed to procuring a sea ambulance to help bridge widespread gaps in health facility access.

- Distributed 2500 hygiene kits and 2500 dignity kits containing hygiene and protection items; and 800 maternity packs containing sanitary pads newborn clothing, cloth diapers, a blanket, alcohol, and soap, to the the most vulnerable women and girls

- Released supplies for family planning, including 5000 cycles of oral contraceptives and 10,000 condoms

- Ensured psychosocial first aid was rendered in collaboration with partners to women, girls, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly

**From left: A Typhoon-survivor and her newborn receive a UNFPA maternity kit; women undergo training inside a Women-Friendly Space (WFS) provided by UNFPA, an Emergency Maternity Tent Facility stands ready to receive patients outside of a heavily-damaged health facility.**

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