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Emergency Assistance to Storm-Affected Populations in Central Luzon



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PROJECT SUMMARY

The *Emergency Assistance to Storm-Affected Populations in Central Luzon* project was conceptualized based on the assessment made by Plan Philippines' "Go Team" of basic humanitarian needs of families affected by Tropical Storm Maring, which hit the Philippines on August 18, 2013. The project sites were chosen based on the degree of damage sustained from non-stop torrential rain and waist-deep flooding in low lying areas in the provinces of Central Luzon.

With support from USAID/OFDA, the two-month project address the emergency water, sanitation and hygiene needs among storm-affected populations from hard hit municipalities of Abucay, Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, Orion and Samal. The project's components include the provision of hygiene kits and water purification supplies (hyposol) to approximately 10,000 displaced and affected individuals.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- Rapid needs assessment, beneficiary validation per household and monitoring visits completed;
- Hygiene and WASH orientation conducted in partnership with the Municipal Social Welfare and Rural Health
- 2,000 sets of family hygiene kits (including 2,000 sets of water kits), 450 infants kits and 30 sets of health information flipcharts distributed; and
- 2,167 flood-affected families (11,085 individuals – 5,754 adults, 5,331 children) in more than 17 barangays in six municipalities directly benefitted from the project intervention.

RESULTS BY OBJECTIVE

Sector: Logistics Support, Relief Commodities

Sub-sector: Non-Food Items

Objective 1: To provide essential NFIs to affected populations

Beneficiaries by objective	Target	Overall Target Achieved
Number of beneficiaries by objective	10,000	11,085
Number of internally displaced persons reached	7,500	5,780 ¹

Performance against indicators	Target	Overall Target Achieved	% of Target Achieved
Total number and per unit cost of NFIs distributed by type	2,000 (\$35.46 per HH)	2,000	100%
Total number and per item USD value of cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs by type	0	N/A	N/A

¹ Although temporary evacuation centers were closed on August 21, the project targeted 1,298 households who took refuge in designated evacuated centers at the height of TS Maring. Beneficiaries were identified using the database from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

Performance against indicators	Target	Overall Target Achieved	% of Target Achieved
Total number of people receiving NFIs by sex and type	10,000 (5,000 female, 5,000 male)	11,085 (2,915 adult females, 2,547 girls, 2,839 adult males, 2,784 boys)	100%

Progress Against Planned Activities

1.1. Distribution of hygiene kits to 2,000 households (approximately 10,000 beneficiaries, including 7,500 IDPs).

Plan conducted the distribution of 2,000 sets family hygiene kits on the week of September 9, 2013. Using unrestricted funds, Plan also distributed 450 infant kits to complement the on-going emergency assistance project. Overall, the project reached 2,167 flood affected families (11,085 individuals – 5,754 adults and 5,331 children) in more than 17 barangays in six municipalities.

Contents of the hygiene kits include:

- bathing soap (12 pieces, 135 g)
- laundry soap (5 bars, 2 kg)
- adult toothbrush (2 pieces) and child toothbrush with bristle head cover (4 pieces)
- toothpaste (4 pieces, 75ml)
- soap box (2 pieces)
- shampoo (1 bottle 500 ml)
- comb (3 pieces)
- towel (4 pieces, 10x10 cm)
- 20 liter plastic jerry can (1 piece)
- Bottle water disinfectant/hyposol (1 bottle)

Sector: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Sub-sector: Hygiene Promotion

Objective 2: To provide for the immediate safe drinking water needs of affected populations

Performance against indicators	Target	Overall Target Achieved	% of Target Achieved
Number of people receiving direct hygiene promotion	10,000	11,085	100%
Number of water kits distributed	2,000	2,000	100%
Number of households who store their drinking water safely in clean containers	1,600 (80%)	60	3%
Number of households receiving water quality education, by sex	2,000	2,000	100%
Number of household drinking water supplies with FRC (trace)	1,600 (80%)	49	3%

Progress Against Planned Activities

2.1. Distribution of Hyposol point-of-use water purification solution to 2,000 households (approximately 10,000 beneficiaries, including at least 7,500 IDPs)

The project distributed water kits (composed of 1 bottle of hyposol and a covered jerry can) to 2,000 households. Plan also provided accompanying fliers and health information flipcharts recommending simple household processes for proper hygiene practices and guidelines for proper use of hyposol.

Plan also conducted hygiene/WASH messaging stations to 2,167 families to promote ensuring access to safe drinking water during the period.

Challenges:

Plan conducted a monitoring visit to beneficiaries in coordination with the municipal welfare officers a week following the distribution. Although Plan successfully distributed water kits to 2,000 beneficiaries in 17 barangays, the project team was limited to sampling 94 families in 9 sample barangays within the follow up visit. As a result, the small sampling size maybe misrepresentative of the overall water safety practices of the beneficiaries. However, of those beneficiaries surveyed, 65.9% indicated the use of jerry cans received from Plan while 53.8% noted the use of hyposol. Beneficiaries not using the jerry cans have noted that these will be stored for future use (i.e, for the next flooding) while those not using hyposol noted the after taste and the perception that tap water is safe for drinking during the event of a flood. Plan is documenting the gaps in water drinking practices which will guide its future emergency WASH interventions.

COORDINATION

Throughout the project, Plan actively coordinated with relevant government actors in the delivery of immediate relief items and activities. At the outset of Typhoon Maring, Plan engaged with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) of Bataan to confirm the urgent need for hygiene kits among displaced populations and coordinate implementation in Bataan.

Plan also worked side by side with municipal-level Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to identify displaced and other vulnerable populations for assistance. Distribution was coordinated with the local government units of Abucay, Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, Orion and Samal. Plan also partnered with the Provincial Government of Bataan through its Provincial Health Office on its hygiene and WASH promotion activities.

PROCUREMENT

Procurement of hygiene kits and hyposol were completed on the first week of September 2013. Plan did not procure any motor vehicles or other restricted goods under this award.

ANNEX

A. Photos of NFI distribution and hygiene promotion

Photos of NFI distribution and hygiene promotion



Partners at Work - Health and hygiene sessions before the distribution of kits in Orion, Dinalupihan and Abucay.



Families receive and check their family hygiene kits and infant kits during the distribution in Bataan