

Philippines: Appeal for donations (and solidarity) for the typhoon Paeng (Nalgae) survivors

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The severe tropical storm Nalgae (international name) / Paeng (Filipino name) hit the Philippines in October, causing, especially in Mindanao in the south of the archipelago, considerable damage. The Mihands network of associations mobilized to help the victims.

The appeal we publish below makes a first assessment of the situation where the Mihands volunteer teams went. It has been written for the Filipinos.

Europe Solidaire Sans Frontières (ESSF) has long supported the activities of the Mihands network. We want to contribute to the international expansion of solidarity. Donations for the climate victims in Mindanao can be sent to us and will be passed on in full to Mihands.

Pierre Rousset and Mark Johnson, ESSF

When authorities in government alerted communities to be affected by Severe Tropical Storm Paeng (Nalgae), Mindanao areas specifically Maguindanao, Cotabato City, Sultan Kudarat and North Cotabato were caught unaware of the possible impact of Typhoon Paeng (Nalgae). Strong winds, rising water level and torrential rain severely hit these areas beginning the night of October 27 without let up until daylight of October 29 when STS Paeng (Nalgae) made five times landfalls in Catanduanes, Camarines, Marinduque and Quezon Provinces.

“Unexpected” as it was, STS Paeng was the most damaging and widespread disaster in provinces in Mindanao. A total of 574 barangays with 171,815 families (850,346 individuals) in 6 different regions in Mindanao were heavily affected. 61 deaths are recorded as of now from this island out of the 92 casualties reported nationwide.

In Maguindanao province, a village named Sitio Tinabon of Kusiong, Datu Odin Sinsuat (DOS) Municipality was practically wiped out by rocks and mud and was declared ground zero by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) authorities. Datu Odin Sinsuat recorded 354 damaged houses with 16,348 families or 81,740 individuals now seeking refuge in different evacuation centers and houses of relatives. 23 confirmed deaths, 21 injured while 4 remain missing in this area.

Also on record high are the displaced and affected populations in the municipalities of Sultan Kudarat/Nuling with 26,977 families (134,889 individuals) and Upi with 8,619 families (43,095 individuals). In neighboring province of North Cotabato, mostly affected are the municipalities of

Pigcawayan with 6,545 families (32, 725 individuals) and Libungan with 3,293 families (16,465 individuals). In Cotabato City, where the regional seat of the BARMM government, all 37 barangays were reported affected by Typhoon Paeng with 67,596 families or 337,980 individuals.

Based on the Inter-agency Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment, among the most needed emergency assistance expressed by the current conditions of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are food, clean water, cooking utensils, hygiene kits, blankets, sleeping mats, psychological first aid and psychosocial support for children and adult, medicines and vitamins and personal clothing. At this time, when evacuation centers are full and crowded, temporary shelters, plastic sheets, emergency lamps and public health facilities are urgently needed.

As a network of grassroots volunteers, MIHANDS through our South Central Mindanao Cluster members responded to this emergency situation a day after by serving warm soup (arroz caldo) to Typhoon Paeng survivors through our Kusina Bayanihan (community kitchen) initiative.



Despite being survivors themselves, our grassroots volunteers took out their cooking utensils, chopping tables and knives, saved vegetables and spices from non-devastated gardens and set-up Kusina Bayanihan in different affected areas in Cotabato City, Datu Odin Sinsuat and Sultan Kudarat in Maguindanao, 3 stations in Lebak and 1 in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat Province. MIHANDS is very grateful for the contributions coming from member organizations, Community Pantry Philippines and individual supporters who believe in the spirit of Bayanihan (Solidarity). From 29 October to 3 November 2022, we were able to serve warm arroz caldo [rice and chicken gruel], tinola [chicken soup], ginataang monggo [mung beans and coconut milk], pakbet [mixed vegetables], sindol [sweet potato desert], and pastil [steamed rice wrapped in banana leaves] to 808 survivors.



MIHANDS also reactivates its teams for data gathering and validation, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), alternative health and relief distribution teams that closely coordinates with the Cluster-based Response system of the Mindanao Humanitarian Team and BARMM-Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence (BARMM-READi).

More survivors and affected communities are still waiting for our help. MIHANDS volunteers can do more if we also have more means!

Thus, this Appeal for Emergency Support is out to those who wish to extend a compassionate heart through MIHANDS ongoing Kusina Bayanihan, MHPSS, Health and Relief Delivery Operations.

Be our partners! Donate in cash and in-kind!

Volunteering in MIHANDS is self-fulfilling and empowering!

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