



FLASH APPEAL: MULTIPLE TROPICAL TYPHOONS

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On November 16, 2024, **Super Typhoon Pepito** made its first landfall in the island of Catanduanes, which was also affected two weeks ago by **Tropical Storm Trami**. The typhoon caused extensive destruction to homes, agriculture, infrastructure, and other vital assets, directly **impacting 371,946 families and 1,368,551 individuals**. Critical communication and electricity lines collapsed, particularly in Caramoran, one of Educo Philippines' areas of intervention, severely hindering coordination and planning for relief operations. While the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office reported **no casualties, 25 individuals sustained injuries**.

The destruction of nearly all coastal homes in the affected areas has created an immediate need for **access to basic necessities, including food, essential non-food items, and psychosocial support**. The **education sector has been severely impacted**, with significant damage to school facilities and the suspension of classes in the hardest-hit areas, requiring interventions to restore educational services and safeguard children's well-being during this crisis.

To effectively address these challenges, Educo is actively deploying a team to conduct a **Rapid Needs Assessment**, ensuring a targeted and coordinated response.

Ahead of the landfall of Typhoon, Educo Philippines established a partnership with the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** to implement Anticipatory Action in Catanduanes. This initiative supports fisherfolk and fishermen in securing their livelihood assets ahead of the Super Typhoon threat and addressing their immediate needs. However, the entire province remains in critical need of extensive support and interventions to address widespread challenges.

OUR INTERVENTION

Educo Philippines activated its Emergency Response Team (ERT) hours before Super Typhoon Pepito entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility.

Educo Philippines has partnered with **ChildFund Philippines**, and **ChildFund Japan**, both members of the ChildFund Alliance, to streamline and unify emergency response efforts. The three organizations are collaborating to develop a comprehensive emergency response plan. This joint initiative aims to **address the urgent needs of impacted communities** while ensuring that relief efforts are coordinated.

Educo Philippines, ChildFund Philippines, and ChildFund Japan have developed a two-phase plan to support children and communities affected by the typhoon:

Phase 1: Immediate Response Activities

- **Distribution of Food Packs:** Educo Philippines and ChildFund Philippines will provide immediate support to families who have lost resources due to Typhoons. Specifically, food packs will be provided to help sustain affected families over the coming weeks as they work to recover from the storm's impact.
- **Distribution of Hygiene and Dignity Kits:** Educo Philippines and ChildFund Philippines will also supply hygiene and dignity kits to meet essential needs apart from ensuring food security. These kits will support families by addressing personal care needs in the aftermath of the typhoon.
- **Conduct of MHPSS Activities:** Educo Philippines, ChildFund Philippines, and ChildFund Japan will jointly conduct Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) activities to help affected individuals cope with the traumatic experiences caused by Typhoons, fostering emotional recovery and resilience.

Phase 2: Early Recovery Activity

- **Distribution of Shelter Kits:** Educo and ChildFund Philippines will distribute shelter kits to families who have lost their homes, enabling them to rebuild sooner and provide a safe, comfortable shelter for their children.
- **Provision of Livelihood Support:** Educo and ChildFund Philippines will provide livelihood support through a multipurpose cash transfer and livelihood training for women to aid in the full recovery of families who lost jobs, farms, or income sources during Typhoons. This support will help families regain stability and continue providing for the needs of all family members, especially children.



NEXT STEPS

To address the urgent needs of the population in Philippines, we are seeking a total of **1.5 Million USD**.

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