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The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization whose purpose is in “serving humanity so that all may live as God intended”. ADRA Philippines belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of over 130 supporting and implementing country offices. ADRA Philippines has been in operation for 35 years to assist those affected by disasters and improve social development for vulnerable communities with families living in extreme poverty. ADRA Philippines is registered with the state Security and Exchange Commission and is licensed and accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

ADRA Philippines has developed its expertise and experience in emergency management, nutrition & health, livelihoods, water, sanitation & hygiene, and disaster risk reduction. ADRA Philippines employs a team of experienced staff that design, implement, manage and monitor its programs in accordance with ADRA policies, donor regulations and Philippine government requirements. The agency’s technical team includes specialists in emergency management, disaster risk reduction, nutrition and public health, livelihoods, agribusiness, water & sanitation / hygiene, social work, monitoring & evaluation, and marketing / public relations. The managerial team includes a country director, finance director, program manager, planning & evaluation manager, partnership / government / church coordinator, and a marketing & PR officer, as well as a logistics and finance team.

ADRA Philippines works with people in poverty and distress to create positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. Reaching across boundaries, empowering and speaking out for the at-risk and forgotten, to achieve measurable, documented and durable changes in lives and society. As a humanitarian agency, ADRA Philippines abides by the four Core Humanitarian Principles of humanity, impartiality, independence and neutrality. This means the agency provides assistance to communities and families regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation or religious association.

CURRENT & RECENT OPERATIONS

In recognition of high malnutrition levels in various parts of the country and the need for further livelihood enhancement, ADRA Philippines and its partners are implementing the following programs:

- 2.5 years Disaster Risk Reduction project – Empowering Municipalities, barangays, CSOs and People’s Organizations through Working together to Enhance disaster and climate Risk governance (EMPOWER) focusing on Civil Society and Local Government in Benguet and Kalinga. European Union funded project – budget of EUR 500,000.
- 3 years Livelihood and Microfinance project – Responsible Investments and Shared Empowerment (RISE) focusing on ensuring access to capital for women, farmers and entrepreneurs; and strengthening their management capacity, financial management and business skills. ADRA China funded project – budget of USD\$2,790,000.
- 4 years Livelihood project – Restoring, Empowering & Protecting Livelihoods (REAP) focusing on Fisher Folk and Farmer’s Associations in Northern Iloilo. Global Affairs Canada funded project – budget of CAN\$5,681,777.
- 4 years Health & Nutrition project – Enhance Mother / Newborn / Child Health in Remote Access Areas through Health Care and Community Engagement (EMBRACE) focusing on young, pregnant and lactating mothers and their children in Camarines Sur. Global Affairs Canada funded project – budget of CAN\$4,631,896.
- 4.5 months Nutrition project – Supplementary Feeding Program in Marawi City and five other municipalities of Lanao del Sur. World Food Programme (WFP) funded project – budget of Php 3,209,316.75
- Disaster Response and Relief Assistance was also given to 5,336 families Davao del Sur and Cotabato who were affected by series of major earthquakes in Mindnao. Funding came from Southern Mindanao Mission, Davao Mission, Southern-Asia Pacific Division, ADRA Network, and Latter-day Saints Charities amounting to US\$ 205,545.54.
- Disaster Response and Relief Assistance was provided to 3,190 in Southern Luzon and Northern Visayas who were affected by Typhoon Tisoy (international name Kammuri) and Christmas-day Typhoon Ursula (international name Phanphone). Funding come from the South-Central Luzon Conference, Southern Luzon Mission, Samar Mission, Central Philippine Union Conference, ADRA Asia Regional Office, and ADRA International amounting to US\$ 110,000.

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TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Emergency Management

ADRA Philippines takes a comprehensive approach to emergency management: first, by working with communities to prepare for and mitigate the impact of disasters through a Disaster Risk Reduction program as part of its ongoing development initiatives, then, by partnering with local groups to provide immediate assistance when an emergency hits; and finally, by working with the affected people to help them recover after the crisis has passed through early recovery interventions. We place great importance on building local capacity and long-term resilience to external shocks. We are committed to meeting international standards of quality, accountability and community participation. A National Emergency Management Plan facilitates an immediate response to a range of emergencies with funding from ADRA International, the ADRA Asia Regional Office and local church partner.

Nutrition and Health

Eradicating malnutrition and creating healthier families are important goals for ADRA Philippines. The agency does not simply hand over food to the hungry, but instead helps poor communities improve access to essential health services and nutritious foods for mothers, pregnant women, caregivers, and girls and boys under the age of five years. ADRA Philippines recognizes the significant impact of crises on women who are traditionally breadwinners for their children and households – and farms and businesses – but are often marginalized in decisions that affect their lives. As a result, ADRA Philippines has gender as a crosscutting issue streamlined into all interventions, addressing existing gender inequalities and pre-existing vulnerabilities.

Livelihoods

ADRA Philippines has acquired over the years a solid knowledge and practical insight on supporting low-cost and sustainable economic growth through subsectors including agribusiness and resilient livelihoods. ADRA Philippines' sustainable economic development strategy aims at sustainably improving the economic self-reliance of farmers, fisherfolk and local traders while also increasing their resilience to natural and human-made hazards. The agency promotes innovative farming techniques and a market oriented, inclusive livelihood development approach. Organic vegetable farming is promoted along with environmentally friendly permaculture technologies, open sea fish farming and different conservation techniques.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

In the aftermath of disasters, communities are beset with problems pertaining to sanitation, hygiene and the lack of safe water supply. With our pre-positioned supplies and equipment, such as water purifiers and containers, we can bring clean potable water as well as hygiene kits to thousands of families in need. ADRA also partners with rural and indigenous communities in building piped water supplies that provide permanent access to clean and safe water, along with latrines, bathing facilities and water pumps. Community-wide water, sanitation, and awareness campaigns also foster better health practices and cleaner, safer living conditions for our community partners.

Disaster Risk Reduction

ADRA Philippines integrates disaster risk reduction into its development as well as disaster recovery initiatives. The agency responds to approximately ten disasters every year, fulfilling its commitment to building back better, and safer places where people can continue to realize positive change. The agency works with communities and government to prepare for and mitigate the impact of disasters through a disaster risk reduction program. The agency aims to build disaster resilient communities by promoting awareness of the importance of disaster risk reduction as an integral component of sustainable development, thereby reducing human, social, economic and environmental losses due to natural hazards.

Partnerships and Participation

ADRA Philippines has partnered with several development agencies, government executive departments, educational and research institutions to develop and deliver development programs to communities throughout the country. We view collaboration with partners such as the Agriculture, Health, DRR, and Social Welfare and Development departments of the Local Government Unit, World Renew, the Humanitarian Leadership Academy, Humanity and Inclusion, and local community based-organizations as a cost-effective and time-saving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact. The agency is a co-convenor of the Philippine International Non-governmental Organizations Network and the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team, as well as the Association of Foundations and the Area-Based Standards Network of DSWD. It is also an active member and contributor to other networks including the Philippine Coalition for Advocacy of Nutrition Security (PhilCAN), the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) and the Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNet Philippines).

PAST PERFORMANCE

- 3 years Health & Nutrition project – Better Nutrition for Mothers & Children (MASIGLAHI) focusing on young, pregnant, and lactating mothers and their children in Bato, Leyte. Canadian Foodgrains Bank funded project – budget of CAN\$544,945.
- 12 months DRR project – Vulnerability Impact Reduction Project for the Province of Cavite (VIPER). Funded by ADRA Czech, ADRA International and Humanitarian Leadership Academy – budget of US\$50,000.
- 11 months DRR project – Resilient Child and Empowered Advocates for DRR (BATANG READY) focusing on inclusive DRR in schools in Iloilo. Aktion Deutschland Hilft funded project – budget of EURO 106,000.
- Disaster Response and Relief Assistance was provided to over 10,000 families in Western Mindanao who were affected by typhoon Vinta (international name Tembin). Funding came from Hong Kong DRF (Disaster Relief Fund) and the ADRA Network amounting to US\$ 255,000.
- Disaster Response and Relief Assistance was also given to over 16,000 families in Northern Luzon who were affected by typhoons Ompong (international name Mangkhut) and Rosita (international name Yutu). Funding came from Hong Kong DRF (Disaster Relief Fund), Rise Against Hunger, World Food Program, and the ADRA Network amounting to US\$ 500,000.