



Philippines

The Philippines is an archipelago of 7,641 islands in the western Pacific Ocean.

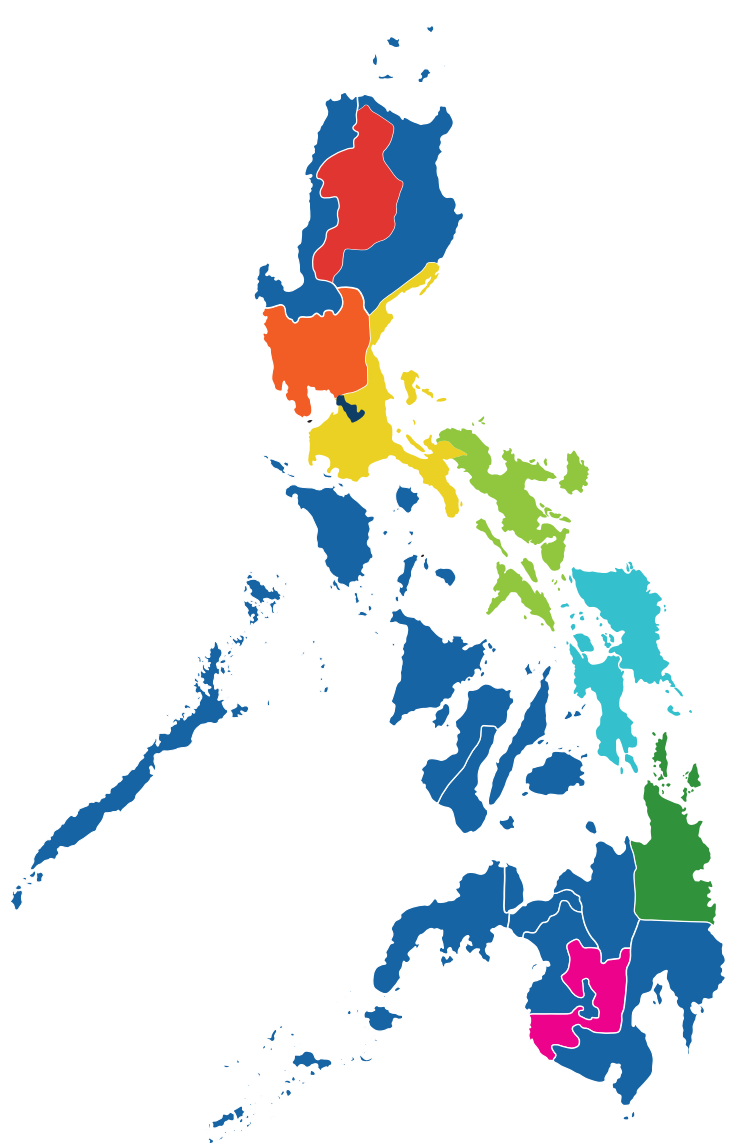
Its location along the typhoon belt and the Pacific “Ring of Fire”—home to approximately 90% of the world’s earthquakes—puts the country at high risk for natural disasters and climate-sensitive diseases such as dengue, malaria, diarrhea and cholera. International Medical Corps has been active in the Philippines since November 2013, following Typhoon Haiyan, which affected approximately 16 million people.

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, affecting an estimated 16 million people, with 4.1 million displaced and 6,069 killed. We began coordinating response efforts before the storm hit, arriving in the Philippines less than 24 hours after the typhoon made landfall. The speed of our response enabled our teams to assess conditions quickly and deliver critical humanitarian assistance, even in remote and rural areas.

Since then, we have responded to several major typhoons that hit the Philippines, including Super Typhoon Gaemi (2024), Typhoon Kristine (2024), Typhoon Wipha (2025), Tropical Cyclone Ragasa (2025), Typhoon Kalmaegi (2025) and Typhoon Fung Wong (2025). We responded to the 2025 earthquake in Cebu through rapid food-kit distribution, and to the 2022 earthquake in Abra, with rapid distributions of hygiene supplies, medical supplies and non-food items. We also responded to the Taal volcano eruption in 2020, supported the city of Manila during the polio outbreak of 2019, provided services in Laguna province during the dengue epidemic of 2019 and provided COVID-19 services throughout the country during the pandemic.

In 2026, we prepositioned medicines and medical supplies and conducted medical missions in communities affected by prolonged flooding in Bulacan, provided medical supplies, hygiene kits, and cash assistance to communities affected by Mayon Volcano's effusive eruption in Albay, and distributed food packs, hygiene kits, and generator sets in municipalities affected by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake in Sarangani province in Mindanao.

We continue to address critical needs in the Philippines, rebuilding communities after disasters and providing training to help them become their own best first responders. Today, our main activities in the Philippines include health, disaster preparedness and response, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services.



Where We Work

BICOL

(Region 5) in Albay, Sorsogon and Catanduanes provinces



CALABARZON

(Region 4A) in Laguna, Batangas, Cavite and Rizal provinces



CARAGA

(Region 13) in Surigao Del Norte province



CENTRAL LUZON

(Region 3) in Bulacan province



CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

in Benguet province and the city of Baguio



EASTERN VISAYAS

(Region 8) in Biliran, Eastern Samar and Western Samar provinces



SOCCKSARGEN

(Region 12) in Sarangani province



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

in the cities of Manila and Quezon



Disaster Preparedness and Response

International Medical Corps works with local departments of health to support disaster-affected populations. For example, our teams have:

- ▶ distributed food packs, hygiene supplies and non-food items to replace items lost in a disaster;
- ▶ provided diesel generators or solar power to health facilities to ensure proper cold chain and continuity of health services, even during power outages;
- ▶ trained staff on disaster risk reduction and the incident command system;
- ▶ offered training-of-trainers schooling to health staff about basic life support;
- ▶ trained volunteers about basic life support and first aid; and
- ▶ trained health workers in advanced cardiac life support.

In addition, we have collaborated with the Eastern Visayas Santa Regional Health Office to train trainers in basic life support, reaching Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office staff from all the cities and provinces of Eastern Visayas.

Lastly, to ensure cold chain integrity and continued health services during and after disasters in flood-prone and power-intermittent areas in Bulacan and Sarangani, diesel generators and solar lamps were donated to primary and tertiary health facilities.

Health

We work to strengthen essential health facilities and prepare the health system for future disasters by restocking medicine, supplies and equipment, and training doctors and nurses working in rural health units about disaster-response medicine. For example, our teams have:

- ▶ provided cold-chain support, staff and transportation for several immunization campaigns, including measles and encephalitis campaigns in Benguet province;
- ▶ extended logistical support to the Laguna Provincial Hospital-Nagcarlan District Hospital during the 2019 dengue epidemic;
- ▶ provided logistical support to the polio immunization campaign in Manila;
- ▶ prepositioned medicines and medical supplies to local health facilities in Albay and Bulacan; and
- ▶ conducted medical missions in flood-stricken communities in Bulacan.

As part of our COVID-19 response, our teams trained more than 400 health workers and community volunteers on infection prevention and control.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

WASH services are among the most urgently needed interventions after typhoons and earthquakes, which cause large-scale infrastructure damage, threaten the health of vulnerable communities and particularly put children at risk of contracting communicable diseases. In response, we focus on ensuring water supply and hygiene in at-risk schools. For example, our teams have:

- ▶ rehabilitated WASH systems at 95 schools;
- ▶ provided hygiene training to 130 schools;
- ▶ trained more than 1,000 teachers on proper hygiene practices;
- ▶ trained hundreds of students and teachers to act as hygiene champions and train others; and
- ▶ distributed thousands of hygiene kits.

Since 2018, our teams have responded to several natural disasters, providing water-survival and hygiene kits to hundreds of households throughout the country. We rehabilitate toilets in evacuation centers, and construct laundry facilities where needed.

In response to COVID-19, we installed handwashing facilities in health centers throughout Cavite and Manila and distributed WASH materials—disinfectant, detergent, washcloths, mops, buckets, coveralls, goggles and multipurpose gloves—to people in those health centers.

In 2026, our teams distributed 210 hygiene kits in communities evacuated from the danger zone around the Mayon Volcano. According to government reports, these communities have been staying in evacuation centers since January 2026 due to Mayon's effusive eruption. Additionally, in response to the magnitude 7.8 earthquake in the Mindanao region, our team distributed 200 hygiene kits to families staying in evacuation centers in Glan district, Sarangani province.



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