



# Fund to **SAVE** (Secure Access to **Vital** Emergency resources)



## BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO RESPOND DURING EMERGENCIES!



**HELP IS ON THE WAY!**

## DISASTER-PREPAREDNESS SAVES LIVES

As natural disasters and conflicts threaten hundreds of thousands of Filipino children's lives and well-being every year, we need to be prepared. The first few hours after a disaster are critical. It is life or death. By being on the ground quickly, we can help ensure that children and their families get the life-saving aid, food, water and protection that they need.

## The Philippines is the 4th Most At-Risk Country in the World for Climate Change Impact

Every year, the country experiences various forms of disaster. Furthermore, it is still grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

### HAZARDS THAT THREATEN FILIPINO CHILDREN



**Typhoons.** The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration estimates that around 20 typhoons strike the Philippines yearly.



**Volcanos.** The country has over 300 volcanoes, 23 of which are active as of this writing.



**Earthquakes.** In 2019, the Philippines recorded 524 earthquakes of 4.0 and above on the Richter scale.



**Armed Conflicts.** The country has been the site of many conflicts, some of which are ongoing, especially in Mindanao.



**Health Emergencies.** The Philippines struggles to cope with diseases such as dengue, polio and now COVID-19.

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Save the Children Philippines' Fund to SAVE is a pool of standby funds that can:



Activate and mobilize the humanitarian response team to be on the ground quickly, conduct rapid assessment, and provide immediate and life-saving support to affected children and their families;



ensure that sufficient stocks of life-saving kits are available for distribution any time;



equip staff, partners and volunteers with essential skills for a world-class emergency response.



Save the Children Philippines ambassador Ria Atayde and staff explaining the contents of the kits distributed to Typhoon Rolly beneficiaries in Catanduanes and conducting hygiene promotion.

## Join our Team of Humanitarian Advocates!

Partner with us in providing timely quality response during emergencies! Your company may choose from five donation packages with varying levels of benefits.



\*Details of donation packages are available on request.

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## Case Story: Robina and son Adrian



Robina and Adrian at their home in Catanduanes

56-year-old Robina lives in Catanduanes, which was hit hard by Super Typhoon Rolly (Goni). Robina has a son, 16-year-old son Adrian, who has a learning disability and has regular check-ups at their local hospital. But due to COVID-19, Adrian missed his check-up last April. "I'm afraid that going to the hospital would just expose us to the risk of getting COVID-19," Robina said.

Robina shared that instead of going to the hospital, she and Adrian used home remedies for common ailments. "The debris from the destroyed houses and fallen trees has caused a lot of wounds for both children and adults in our neighborhood," she said. They would treat these wounds with poultices of boiled *malunggay* leaves. For cough and fever, Robina would use lemons from her backyard as her lemon trees fortunately grew back quickly after the storm hit. "When fevers do not subside even with these remedies, that is the time that I would go to the barangay health center and ask for paracetamol," Robina said.

Out of fear of contracting COVID-19, Robina and her family immediately left the evacuation center where they took shelter from the storm. Her husband put together a shack for them to sleep in, but they would still get wet because the roof has holes.

"When Save the Children Philippines gave us a kit with household items, plastic sheets for our roof and walls, family hygiene supplies, water container and even alcohol and face masks, the shack we are living in felt more like home," said Robina.