

Completion Report Form A-PAD Disaster Emergency Response Fund Project

1. General information

Project title	Emergency Response to Magnitude 6.8 earthquake in SOCCSKSARGEN		
Project period	December 2023		
Project area	Malapatan and Glan, Sarangani in SOCCSKSARGEN region		
Beneficiaries	200 families or 1000 individuals		
Project budget	Php 357, 160.00		
Total expenditure	Php		
Balance	Php		
Funds raised by National Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total in-kind donations: P ● Manpower/volunteer support: 13 HRN, 3 members Sarangani Chamber of Commerce and Industry and 2 members of General Santos City Chamber of Commerce and Industry ● Vehicles for relief delivery operations: 2 vehicle for validation and actual distribution 		

2. Applicant information

Organization	A-PAD PH		
Project officer		Email	
Project supervisor	Athea M. Penaloza	Email	apenaloza@apadph.com
Project changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● number of beneficiaries from 80 to 200 families or 1000 individuals 		

3. Project Implementation

Achieved Objectives	<p>The emergency response immediately addressed the need of shelter repair kits of families impacted by the earthquake in Glan and Malapatan towns in Sarangani province. The shelter repair kit contains galvanized iron sheets and umbrella nails.</p> <p>Providing these resources shields vulnerable individuals from dangers and exposure to extreme temperatures following a disaster. Furnishing shelter kits, particularly to the most financially disadvantaged communities, can yield numerous positive outcomes. Rehabilitating housing has the potential to enhance both the physical and mental well-being of those affected.</p>
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The emergency response not only addressed the need for shelter but addressed the sanitation and hygiene concerns in Glan municipality, as LGU and other partners provided hygiene materials to 100 families in various barangays.

Throughout the response efforts, A-PAD PH engaged the Sarangani Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with local government offices for this initiative.

Likewise, A-PAD PH effectively utilized its volunteer human resources, expanding the capabilities of the A-PAD PH team to handle various responsibilities such as data collection, validating beneficiaries, canvassing, procurement, distribution, and monitoring.

This initiative collaborates with A-PAD PH Regional Partners in SOCCSKSARGEN. The ER provided shelter assistance to 200 families in the municipalities of Glan and Malapatan. Each family received five (5) corrugated sheets and 1 kg of umbrella nails. The beneficiaries were those on the list of houses that were completely damaged, as determined by the Municipal DRRM Office. This was validated by A-PAD PH staff, HRN volunteers, and the Sarangani Chamber of Commerce and Industry on December 8, 2023.

Project outputs

Before the actual distribution, there was a brief program where Barangay officials and MDRRM officials/staff expressed their gratitude to A-PAD PH and its donor – Ministry of Foreign Affairs for selecting their municipality as the recipient of the assistance. Mr. Richard Paparon, the Vice President of the Sarangani Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emphasized the importance of public and private partnership in aiding the earthquake survivors in the province. He also conveyed his appreciation to APAD PH for providing assistance to the province. The distribution took place at the Brgy. Lun Masla Covered Court in Malapatan and the Brgy. Burias Covered Court in Glan, both located in Sarangani province.

It should be noted that community preparation, such as beneficiary validation and stub distribution, was carried out before the actual distribution with the help of A-PAD PH volunteers.

Project impact

The project distributed shelter repair kits to 200 families, encompassing 1000 individuals across Glan and Malapatan. This exceeded the initial proposal by achieving a 250% increase from the original plan of aiding 80 families. The reduced cost of galvanized iron, procured from a hardware store affiliated with the General Santos City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, who is a partner of A-PAD PH in the region, resulted in an increased quantity of materials, allowing for the support of additional beneficiaries.

A-PAD PH prioritized the families with totally damaged houses and least served families in the communities of mostly hit municipalities in Sarangani province.

Following the distribution, a survey was administered to 10% of the recipients, equivalent to 20 family heads from each municipality. The subsequent findings outline the outcomes of the post-distribution survey.

- 20 out of 20 said that the goods provided are important because their houses were totally destroyed by the earthquake.
- 20 out of 20 stated that they are very satisfied with the quality of the relief goods provided.
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- All are satisfied on the distribution process
- All are satisfied with the manner and behavior of field staff
- There are no recommendations but the beneficiaries said how grateful they are with the relief goods that were provided. The items will be of great help in rehabilitating their houses destroyed by the earthquake.

During the feedback session with the HRN Volunteers, everyone expressed satisfaction with how the distribution was carried out. Despite feeling exhausted, they found a sense of fulfillment. They mentioned that investing over 12 hours was worthwhile, given the impact it had on the communities affected by the magnitude 6.8 earthquake. They aspire to participate more in preparedness activities and other Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) initiatives in the future. The activity further strengthened their commitment to DRRM initiatives in and out of SOCCSKSARGEN region.

Media coverage

- Community preparation like beneficiary validation and stub distribution facilitated an organized distribution.
- Conducting briefings and meetings which includes orientation, and assigning specific roles and accountabilities to partners and volunteers is crucial. This approach significantly contributed to a systematic and cooperative initiative.

Lessons learned

- Community participation, particularly during the hauling and distribution of materials, proved pivotal in the distribution process. By highlighting the beneficiaries' roles and establishing a feedback system within the community, active participation was encouraged, transforming beneficiaries from passive recipients to engaged contributors in the overall process.
- Mobilizing the students and young professionals supported the A-PAD PH's workforce, resulting to reduced operational costs.

A-PAD PH should continue collaborating with partners utilize the resources available from the private sector, governmental bodies, and civil society organizations, both at the local and international level.

Recommendation

The emergency response phase presents not only a time to gather resources for immediate relief but also an opportunity to establish new partnerships, broaden A-PAD PH's network, foster increased community participation, and empower them to become active contributors within their communities and society overall.



Photo 1: Group photo with beneficiaries



Photo 2: Program during distribution



Photo 3: Beneficiary photo



Photo 4: Beneficiary photo



Photo 5: Group photo with A-PAD SOCKSARGEN volunteers and partners



Photo 6: Stub distribution