Southern Leyte, Philippines

Emergency Response

Providing access to clean, safe drinking water in the wake of Typhoon Odette

December 2021
Supertyphoon Rai (local name: Odette) slammed the eastern portion of the Philippines in late December. This Category 5-equivalent storm was one of the strongest tropical cyclones to hit the disaster-prone country in 2021.
Southern Leyte was among the provinces that were severely pummeled by the typhoon. The destructive winds and torrential rains resulted in severe disruption to drinking water supplies, electricity, and transportation affecting tens of thousands of people. In Padre Burgos, residents have been crying for help while scrambling for water, food, electricity, fuel and shelter.
"We lost our homes. Many of us, including my children, are begging along the streets. We are taking our chances to get rice, water or any kind of assistance from motorists and travelers."

Nanay Lucy, Mother

“Our community is suffering from a lot of damages. Most of the facilities are no longer available due to the typhoon’s wrath. Our equipment to provide services to the people could no longer be used.

Emmanuel Gulay, Community Planning Development Coordinator

“We desperately need help. We are barely surviving. We need assistance from the government, individuals and private organizations."

Lorie Manlapos, Villager
Making a Difference

Our Impact

Electrolux provided emergency relief by supporting the installation of an AquaBlock system in Padre Burgos. The Planet Water team deployed the emergency water kiosk that produces 1,500 liters of clean water per hour and can support the daily water requirements of up to 9,500 people.
Community members in Padre Burgos continue to benefit from the clean, safe drinking water from the AquaBlock. The system will stay in the typhoon-ravaged community until the supply of clean water stabilizes.

Thank you Electrolux