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# COVID-19 RELIEF AID & ASSISTANCE IN THE PHILIPPINES

## IMPACT REPORT

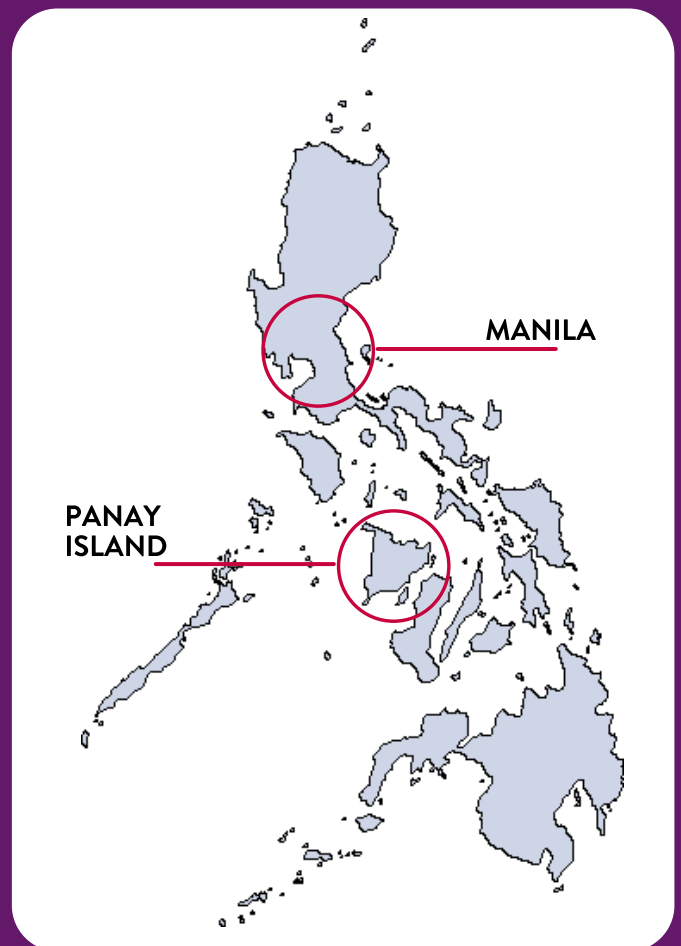


### OVERVIEW

The Philippines has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic since its first reported case on 22nd January 2020, with over 500,000 confirmed cases and over 12,000 deaths as of February 2021. The global pandemic has taken a devastating toll on the livelihoods of the locals.

Since March 2020, Capiz and Aklan, two provinces located in Panay Island, Philippines, have been placed under multiple lockdowns. These enforced lockdowns have been exacerbated by the regular occurrence of huge waves and typhoons, further limiting fishing and scrapping activities which are means of income and sustenance for the locals. This has led to detrimental repercussions, triggering complications such as income and job loss, shortage of food supplies, hunger and malnutrition.

With the help of our ground partners Citizens' Disaster Response Center (CDRC) and Panay Center for Disaster Response (PCDR), Mercy Relief responded from 8 to 18 February 2021, by distributing relief packs consisting of food items and hygiene kits amongst the affected families, aimed to reduce the burden on the afflicted communities in the two provinces.



MAP OF PHILIPPINES

### COVID-19 in the Philippines

**574,247**  
Positive Cases

**12,289**  
Fatalities

**524,865**  
Recovered

(As of Feb 2021)



Distribution of relief packs, containing food items such as rice, beans and dried fish, as well as hygiene kits consisting of masks and disinfectants, in two provinces benefitting 885 families.

COVID-19 Awareness discussion with the beneficiaries and brochure distribution to help raise awareness of COVID-19 prevention.



"When the COVID-19 pandemic happened, our scrapping stopped because of the restriction policies. We cannot go out, we cannot look for a job to earn, we only stay at home. We are very grateful to those who gave us these relief goods. This can help us and sustain our needs for weeks or days."

- Ellen Altarejos (59)  
Beneficiary