

# PREPARING FOR DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## BULACAN PROVINCE AND MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Disasters and the impacts of climate change threaten the safety of many communities in the Philippines. In some densely populated areas, more frequent typhoons, heavier monsoon rains and higher tides bring devastating floods that can destroy homes, schools and lives.

We've been working with children, families and communities in Bulacan Province and Muntinlupa City in Manila to help keep them safe from the threat of flooding. Both regions are home to large urban populations – 3 million people live in Bulacan and around 460,000 in Muntinlupa.

We've been helping school children and their families prepare for floods and other disasters. We've supported them to incorporate their own solutions and make changes. And we've been working with governments to ensure all communities have strong disaster plans.

When children and communities are ready for disaster they can take early action and build more resilient communities.



### 1. LISTENING TO CHILDREN



**25 VILLAGES**  
rolled out child-centered plans to reduce the impacts of disasters and climate change.

Young people helped shape these important plans and are now equipped with the skills to put them into action.


### 2. MANAGING HAZARDS



**66 MASTER TRAINERS**  
learnt how to manage community waste.

These trainers then worked within their communities to improve sanitation and waste management so waterways remain clear of rubbish during floods.

### 3. TRAINING IN SCHOOLS



Provided training to students and teachers in **500+ HIGH SCHOOLS.**

Participatory disaster management training has given schools the skills to plan, implement and monitor their own approaches to reducing the impacts of disasters.

### 4. WIDESPREAD CHANGE



Provided training to **150 BARANGAYS (VILLAGES).**

Children and their families learned how to identify flooding risks and other impacts, and make changes to their environment.



**55% less**  
garbage in Hagonoy,  
Bulacan Province.

Children convinced their families to reduce Hagonoy's daily garbage from 18 tons of mixed garbage to 8 tons of segregated garbage by using less and composting more. This clears drains and waterways of rubbish, and reduces the risk of flooding.

## Local governments

across the Philippines are now using Save the Children's Quality Assessment tool to review their disaster management plans.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Save the Children developed a Quality Assessment Tool for community-based Disaster Risk Reduction Plans. The tool makes sure local governments have covered all bases for keeping their communities safe.

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