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Operation Update Philippines: Polio Outbreak

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DREF n° MDRPH035

GLIDE n° [EP-2019-000110-PHL](#)

DREF Operation update n° 1: 20 December 2019

Operation start date: 28 September 2019

Funding requirements: CHF 336,302

N° of people being assisted: 30,000 children

Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation:

PRC is working with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in this operation. International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) are also supporting PRC along with other in country PNS.

Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:

Government agencies including the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Interior and Local Governments (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and local government units are aiding affected households. International agencies such as WHO (World Health Organization) and UNICEF are also responding. OCHA, the Humanitarian Country Team and Health Cluster are also providing coordination.

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This operation update is to inform that this DREF operation has been revised and combined with the Emergency Appeal operation, "Re-emergence of Vaccine Preventable Diseases" with the code **MDRPH032** (which previously was known as "Philippines: Measles Outbreak" and aimed to support Philippine Red Cross response to the measles outbreak only).

Due to the expansion of both measles and polio outbreaks, the two operations were integrated, and the Emergency Appeal was revised. The revised emergency appeal seeks a total of 2,700,000 Swiss francs to enable the IFRC to support the Philippine Red Cross to expand and scale up their responses to measles and polio outbreaks. This integration will also support operational synergies and improve the efficiencies of the two operations. The Revised Emergency Appeal can be accessed [here](#).

Although the operations have been combined, each operation still has its respective Emergency Plan of Action (EPOA). Under the Emergency Appeal MDRPH032, the polio response plan is scaled-up to an amount of CHF 1,990,056 to reach 1.2 million people over 16 months and now includes mid-term routine immunization enhancement and epidemic preparedness. The updated EPOA can be accessed [here](#).

The emergency plan of action and the progress of the operation will only be captured under the Revised Emergency Appeal "Re-emergence of Vaccine Preventable Diseases" (MDRPH032). This DREF Operation "Philippines: Polio Outbreak" (MDRPH035) is closed.

Reference documents



Click here for:

- [Information bulletin](#)
- [Revised Emergency Appeal](#)

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and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.
