



An International Medical Corps staff member provides medical consultations to impacted patients.

On July 24, Super Typhoon Gaemi (known locally as Typhoon Carina) passed near the Philippines, causing extreme winds, rainfall and flooding across Aklan, Albay, Antique, Bataan, Batangas, Capiz, Cavite, Luzon, Oriental Mindoro, Rizal and Zambales. Across the country, 40 fatalities have been reported, hundreds of people injured and 612,000 displaced due to the devastating floods,¹ prompting officials to declare a “state of calamity” in the capital and in more than 100 cities and municipalities.² The storm caused extensive damage to property, infrastructure and agricultural land across the Philippines. The combined effects of monsoon rains and the impact of the typhoon have created a humanitarian emergency, and needs are high despite ongoing response efforts by humanitarian organizations.

International Medical Corps Response

Following the crisis, International Medical Corps conducted a rapid needs assessment and joined the immediate response of Barangay Health Unit (BHU) of San Isidro in Montalban, Rizal, providing one doctor and one nurse to BHU’s medical mission, and delivering essential care through medical consultations and distribution of medication to patients.

FAST FACTS

- On July 24, Typhoon Gaemi struck the Philippines, producing heavy rainfall, winds and flooding. Aklan, Albay, Antique, Bataan, Batangas, Capiz, Cavite, Luzon, Oriental Mindoro, Rizal and Zambales were particularly affected.
- 40 fatalities have been reported, hundreds have been injured and 612,000 have been displaced.
- Immediate needs include water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food, shelter and essential household items for affected communities.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has been operating in the Philippines since November 2013, and has responded to several natural disasters, including Typhoon Mangkhu and Super Typhoon Rai/Odette.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps has provided primary care, nutrition, WASH services and hygiene kits to flood affected people in Rizal. We continue to collaborate with humanitarian partners in affected areas.

¹ <https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/philippines/philippines-southwest-monsoon-and-typhoon-gaemi-flash-update-no-1-24-july-2024-8-pm-local-time>

² <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/tc-2024-000127-chn>

More medical services are urgently needed to address health issues prompted by the typhoon and flooding. In the past week, International Medical Corps provided 303 medical consultations, while distributing medicines through multi-agency medical missions. We also provided optical services for 173 beneficiaries and dental services to 50 patients. Since the start of the response in late July, International Medical Corps has provided 610 consultations through multi-agency medical missions.

After talking with two village organizations in Montalban Rizal, we distributed 200 hygiene kits and enough food packs to supply 150 households for one week to affected families.

International Medical Corps is continuing to look for opportunities to alleviate the immediate impacts of the typhoon and floods in the affected areas, and to support the region's long-term recovery.