

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

OCHA releases latest Philippine Regional Profiles
a compilation of vital data for disaster preparedness

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The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the Philippines today released Philippine Regional Profiles, a compilation of geographic and demographic data of the 18 regions of the Philippines. Each snapshot contains a national or regional map and visual representations of regional demography, poverty and human development, disaster statistics and sectoral information on nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, health, livelihood, education and shelter.

“Humanitarian actors rely heavily on data even before the disaster hits. The Philippines is one of the most disaster prone countries in the world, and part of disaster preparedness is knowing the most likely hazards facing the country, who are the most vulnerable, and where they are located. The Philippine Regional Profiles puts the right information in the hands of people in a way that they can understand and use.” said Mark Bidder, OCHA Philippines Head of Office. “We commend the Philippine Government for their transparency and commitment to making the data readily available to the public.”

Data from the profiles were gathered from various sources such as the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Food and Nutrition Research Institute, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Philippine Statistics Authority and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

An PDF copy is available at the OCHA Philippines website: <http://www.unocha.org/Philippines>. An interactive version is available on <https://data.humdata.org/organization/ocha-philippines>.

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