

Increasing resilience of WASH (water and sanitation) basic services in highly vulnerable zones in Mindanao with focus on governance

CONTEXT

The Philippines made significant improvements during the Millennium Development Goals period, including increased access to basic water and sanitation services at the national level in 2015 (91% and 75%, respectively) (WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme, Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Progress Report, 2017). However, critical disparities for children persist based on geographic location, income, gender, disability and ethnicity. Inequalities are more marked in Mindanao, particularly in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (now the Bangsamoro region), which has a long history of armed conflict and is prone to multiple natural disasters. The percentage of households with access to water is 56% and only 24.5% have access to sanitary facilities (FHSIS 2018), figures well below the national average. There are also no water facilities that meet the appropriate standards in schools or health centers.

Complementing other existing resources, the project is strongly anchored in existing partnerships between UNICEF and certain vulnerable and conflict-affected provinces. This is intended to strengthen stakeholders' capacities in the planning, delivery and supervision of WASH services with coordinated multisectoral approaches, which in turn are aligned with regional priorities and national government policies and standards.

Previously tested programming tools used with the joint SDG Fund (PRO-WATER) programme, such as the Sustainable Sanitation Approach (PhATSS) and the Three Star approach (TSA) for WASH in schools (WinS).

UNICEF works with local governments and school divisions to: (i) develop integrated data-driven WASH plans to achieve incremental and sustainable improvements in WASH practices and services; (ii) guide and train local governments and sectoral partners in national policies, guidelines and tools and (iii) provide technical and material support for the implementation of the WASH plan at selected demonstration sites.



PROJECT INFORMATION

DAC/CRS code: 14010, 14030, 12261

Sector of action:

Resilience: Water, sanitation and hygiene

Managing entity:

- AECID

Executing entity:

- UNICEF

Duration:

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Areas of intervention:

Mindanao: Maguindanao and Zamboanga del Norte

AECID Contribution:

- 2018 Grant: 500.000 €

