



# WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND RESILIENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Luchie, a member of PKKK, demonstrating one of the duties of the group: recording cases in the log book.

## Promoting women's rights and resilience in emergencies through empowerment, solidarity and advocacy

### Project overview:

The Philippines is exposed to a high risk of recurring disasters, so it is critical that communities are prepared for and supported to reduce risks associated with any future disasters. For women in the Philippines, this risk is compounded by the increase in violence against women during disasters and the low priority humanitarian actors place on women's rights in emergencies.

Supported by the Australian Government's Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), ActionAid Australia and PKKK have collaborated since 2015 to work with over 6,000 people across three regions of the Philippines to build the resilience of the most vulnerable women and ensure that women's rights are protected in emergencies. This support includes reducing the risk of violence against women in emergencies and ensuring communities are better prepared to respond to future disasters and place women's needs and voices at the centre. This includes the establishment of the Women's Emergencies Network (WENet) to support women's leadership in disaster planning and response.

### Some of the key project activities and outputs:

This project is supporting women in the Philippines to promote their rights and build their resilience to disasters and conflict through empowerment, solidarity, and local and national advocacy, specifically:

- Supporting PKKK to work with 70 women's organisations through the Women in Emergency Network (WENet);
- Training of Trainers on Women-led Protection and Resilience at regional and provincial level;
- Hosting a National Womanitarian Summit to identify and drive women's priorities in disasters;
- Promoting stories of women's leadership in disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, peace and security;
- Establishing women's-rights watch groups to lead initiatives for monitoring community-based protection of women's rights in emergencies.

### Project duration:

July 2016 – June 2019

### Supported by:

The Australian Government under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and ActionAid Australia's Arise Fund

### In partnership with:

National Rural Women Coalition (PKKK)

### Location:

Aurora, Camarines Sur, Northern Cebu, the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao and Lanao del Sur Provinces, the Philippines

### Project objectives:

- Promote community-based women led disaster and conflict preparedness and response;
- Increase women's rights awareness;
- Coordinate collective engagement on women's rights in emergencies.

### Impact:

Through this project, the women's organisations belonging to WENet will undertake training in women's rights and protection, and will build their knowledge of preparedness plans and disaster risk reduction strategies. They are also being supported to hold national policy dialogues on prioritising and financing women's rights and resilience in emergencies.

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