The Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, suffering from natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions and drought on an annual basis. The country also suffers from ongoing conflict, particularly in Mindanao. Most of these emergencies are known to affect up to 200,000 individuals in an area, leading to the need for humanitarian assistance for affected families.

Local organizations are very empathetic to the plight of disaster-affected families but their projects are usually geared for development and not towards emergency response. Capacities for emergency response in the Philippines can still be improved, maximizing the different actors in the humanitarian field.

The Humanitarian Response Consortium was formed in 2010 by five local organizations in the Philippines, with a mission to provide the highest quality service to populations affected by disasters.

Each of the five local organizations has complementing specializations and has strategic operations in all three major island groups of the Philippines. In the event of a natural disaster or conflict, these organizations can come together and launch an emergency response as one consortium.
Our Goals

HRC’s emergency response is envisioned to be:

**Rapid** and timely with reduced mobilization time using pre-established systems and local networks

**Appropriate** following international humanitarian standards

**Efficient** in providing quality assistance at reasonable costs

**Responsible** in reducing the long-term effects of a response and in building community resilience

Our strength comes from close coordination with all actors and maximizing participation of affected populations, especially of women, in the humanitarian effort.

Sectors the HRC works in:

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion
Emergency food security and livelihood
Emergency shelter
Psychosocial support
Early recovery
Camp coordination and management
The HRC is composed of 6 non-profit, non-governmental organizations:

**A Single Drop for Safe Water, Inc. (ASDSW)**
ASDSW is building the capacity of self-reliant partnerships to plan, implement, and manage community-driven clean water and sanitation solutions through sustainable organizational strategies, WASH Education, and appropriate technologies.

**Balay Rehabilitation Center**
Balay provides a holistic, integrated, gender and culturally sensitive Psychosocial Development Response to Internally Displaced Persons as a result of armed conflict and natural disasters as well as to Survivors of Torture and Organized Violence. Its program is a complementation of service and advocacy aimed to attain the healing, empowerment and development among its partners.

**Kadtuntaya Foundation Inc. (KFI)**
KFI responds to the widening social and economic gap and the growing animosity between Moros, Lumads and Christian Settlers in Central Mindanao.

**People’s Disaster Risk Reduction Network (PDRN)**
PDRN is an NGO committed to working for sustainable development among vulnerable communities through community-based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR). It functions as a support for community-based disaster response organizations (CBDROs), and addresses critical issues in global warming, good governance, and food security and low productivity. PDRN works with vulnerable groups towards building the capacity of communities to effectively protect them from harm.

**Rural Development Institute of Sultan Kudarat (RDISK)**
RDISK envisions the attainment of self-determining rural communities whose development is founded on equity, ecological sustainability, gender fairness, respect for people’s rights and culture, and the economic, socio-cultural and political empowerment of the marginalized rural sectors and peoples.
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