



Climate
Resilience
Alliance



COUNTRY BRIEF

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Philippine Red Cross, Plan International

The Philippines

Who we are

The Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance works with communities to influence policies and practices which enhance resilience to climate hazards.

Our definition of resilience

The Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance understands the concept of climate resilience as: The ability of a system, community, or society to pursue its social, ecological and economic development and growth objectives, while managing its climate risks over time in a mutually reinforcing way.

Our vision

Our vision is a world where communities are resilient to climate hazards, enabling them to thrive.

Our goal

By 2035, alongside like-minded organizations, we aspire to positively impact 70 million people vulnerable to climate change, and 5.5 million by 2027.

Alliance partners working in the Philippines:



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Impact of floods, heatwaves, and storms in the Philippines

The Philippines is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts, such as sea level rise, rising temperatures, and heavy rainfall, due to its exposure to natural hazards, reliance on climate-sensitive resources, and extensive coastlines, where major cities and much of the population are located. It is estimated that approximately 74 per cent of the Philippines' population is exposed to more than one hazard, and the country is often ranked among those with the highest disaster risks worldwide.

As part of the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance, Plan International (Plan) will build upon climate resilience work carried out in the City of Manila and the City of Navotas since 2021. Manila faces challenges like population density and evacuation safety, while Navotas is impacted by typhoons and tidal flooding. Informal coastal settlements in both cities are particularly at risk, highlighting the need for ongoing support and strategies to mitigate these climate-related threats.

Over the 12-year period of the Alliance, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) will target urban areas affected by flash flooding, riverine flooding, heatwaves, and typhoons in Metro Manila and beyond. Between 2024 and 2027, the programme will collaborate directly with local communities in the Province of Rizal, the City of Marikina, Quezon City, the City of Cebu, and the Municipality of Alegria in Cebu to increase climate resilience.



Flood Resilience Project, Tabletop Exercise, 2 december 2024.
Photo: Isabel Baguisi, Plan International Philippines



Barangay 598, Manila City, flood prone street.
Photo: Isabelle Baguisi, Plan International Philippines, May 2023

Alliance partners working in the Philippines

The PRC and Plan use their specific strengths to achieve improved community resilience, increased investment, and improved policies for climate resilience at all governance levels in the Philippines.

Plan is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Working together with children, young people, supporters, and partners, the organization strives for a just world, tackling the root causes of the challenges that girls and vulnerable children face. Plan fosters changes in practice and policy at local, national, and global levels using its reach, experience, and knowledge. Present in 900 communities across the Philippines, Plan's programmes reach over 2 million children and their families and communities each year.

The PRC is recognized by Philippine law as a voluntary, independent, and autonomous non-governmental organizational auxiliary to the public authorities in the

Alliance objectives in the Philippines

The PRC and Plan aim to strengthen community resilience to floods, typhoons, and heatwaves in urban contexts in four key areas:



Strengthening community and government capacities to understand climate and disaster risks for better decision-making and preparedness.



Supporting the development of inclusive, responsive, and risk-informed **plans and policies**.



Ensuring **early warning systems** are accessible, localized, and actionable.



Increasing **participation of communities** in disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation planning processes.

humanitarian field. Driven by a mandate to alleviate human suffering and uplift the dignity of the most vulnerable populations, the PRC is active across a network of 102 local chapters across the country. The PRC is supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the world's largest humanitarian network, reaching 150 million people in 191 countries.



PRC First Aid Competition in Rizal, November 2023.
Photo: Philippine Red Cross

Climate Resilience Measurement for Communities (CRMC)

The Climate Resilience Measurement for Communities (CRMC) is a data-driven process, complemented by a web-based tool and mobile app, which helps communities to evaluate and measure how resilient they are to climate hazards. Using the results, they can identify and implement resilience-building interventions and run additional measurements to track improvements.

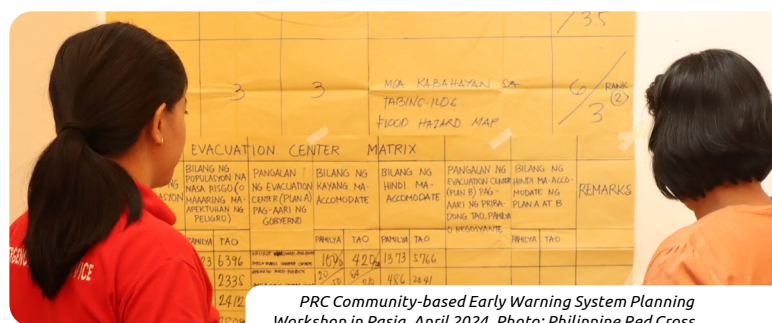
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The communities we are working with

Plan works with three riverine barangays in the City of Manila and four coastal barangays in the City of Navotas, where baseline research revealed a need to improve the understanding and response to climate change risks among young people and policymakers. The project's long-term goal is to strengthen the disaster resilience of youth and young adults by building their capacity to cope with shocks and supporting the availability of functional protection mechanisms. To achieve this, Plan supports the barangays by improving risk awareness, developing risk-informed plans, providing livelihood support, and fostering inclusive participation from all stakeholders. The project also enhances gender equality and social inclusion by involving girls, women, and other marginalized groups to address gaps in their resilience.

Between 2024 and 2035, the PRC aims to work directly in urban communities and scale up and replicate climate resilience solutions in over 40 cities and municipalities across the country. The programme is focused on strengthening climate resilience through local actions,

including capacity-building workshops, training and mobilization of local volunteers, and the formation of barangay climate resilience committees. Scaling up will leverage the PRC network and include subnational and national influencing efforts. Guided by Fundamental Principles and a robust protection, gender, and inclusion policy, the PRC strives to ensure dignity, access, participation, and safety for all, taking measures to address diverse needs and risks specific to gender, age, and cultural or language differences, among other factors.



PRC Community-based Early Warning System Planning Workshop in Pasig, April 2024. Photo: Philippine Red Cross

Duration of the Philippines Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance programme: January 2024 – December 2027

The Alliance website

- Our website shares practical knowledge alongside the latest evidence and research about how to build community resilience to climate hazards.
- We share knowledge generated through the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance's work across the world, as well as from many other sources of evidence.

Find out more: ZCRAlliance.org

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The Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance is a multi-sectoral partnership, powered by the Z Zurich Foundation, focused on enhancing resilience to climate hazards in both rural and urban communities. By implementing solutions, promoting good practice, influencing policy and facilitating systemic change, we aim to ensure that all communities facing climate hazards are able to thrive. [Find out more at ZCRAlliance.org](https://ZCRAlliance.org)

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