



Leading Locally-led Emergency Response in the Philippines

When a disaster strikes, everybody's natural reaction is to give money to relief agencies and organizations that they recognize—often not fully understanding what they do and what their money is used for. This is the unique selling proposition of SAFER to individuals and companies: an **accountable** and **transparent** funding channel for emergency aid.

The Shared Aid Fund for Emergency Response (SAFER) Foundation raises funds for local organizations that provide **immediate** life-saving assistance to victims in times of crises. Our goal is to release emergency funds to support ongoing response of our partners within **seven (7) days** after a disaster.

At the same time, SAFER launches an appeal to the public and private sectors to help raise money and reach the target amount. SAFER works with tested and capable NGOs that have clear **mandates** and **skills**, ensuring that funds received are spent effectively and that beneficiaries receive ethical and quality relief.

Harnessing Strength in Numbers and Experience

SAFER Foundation was founded by the three national NGO networks in the country: Caucus of Development NGO Networks (**CODE-NGO**), **Humanitarian Response Consortium (HRC)**, and **NASSA/Caritas Philippines**. SAFER is the first locally-led, joint fundraising initiative in the country. It is also supported by Christian Aid in the Philippines. The goal of SAFER is simple: to help Filipino communities overcome disasters and **rebuild** their lives quickly.

Effective, Efficient Funding Mechanism

SAFER provides an efficient and localized funding mechanism for credible NGOs. Through SAFER’s revolving fund called the **Quick Response Fund (QRF)**, local NGOs have access to augmentation funds to support their ongoing responses. The best proposals from NGOs are chosen based on their local assessment of the situation and the type of intervention they propose. All proposals received by the Foundation are assessed and approved by the Board of Trustees of SAFER.

To ensure **accountability** and project delivery of grantees, due diligence is carried out by the Foundation. Applying organizations are vetted by the Executive Committee composed of representatives from the three founding NGO networks of SAFER (CODE-NGO, HRC, NASSA/Caritas Philippines), this aside from their initial screening for membership.

SAFER targets to respond to small- and medium-scale disasters that are often neglected by media or big organizations. There is also a criteria for choosing beneficiaries who are most vulnerable and in need.



Response to Typhoon Ompong and Typhoon Usman



In its first 15 months of operation, SAFER responded to **Typhoon Ompong** in October 2018 and **Typhoon Usman** in February 2019. As a result, 80 affected families were provided direct emergency cash assistance amounting to Php200,000. Our mechanism allows our donors to *think before they donate* in times of disasters, and to invest wisely in organizations that tell them where and to whom exactly their money goes.

Aside from cash survival grants, SAFER can also provide food and non-food relief, emergency shelter, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).



Where we work: Reaching the most remote, vulnerable communities

SAFER has a wide geographic reach, with members of its national NGO networks spread in all regions of the Philippines. This means SAFER can deliver aid and assistance in all parts of the country, allowing your organization to work with tried and tested NGOs that have strong presence on the ground.

NASSA/Caritas Philippines	
Capiz Social Action Center	Capiz
Diocesan Social Action Center (DSAC) of Antique	Antique
Diocesan Social Action Center (DSAC) of Legaspi	Albay
Diocesan Social Action Center (DSAC) of Daet	Camarines Norte
Relief and Rehabilitation Unit (RRU) of Palo	Leyte

NASSA/Caritas Philippines has 81 DSACs nationwide, with the abovementioned being Gawad Kalasag Awardees conferred by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

Humanitarian Response Consortium (HRC)	
A Single Drop for Safe Water (ASDSW) – Single Drop Consultancy Services, Inc.	Palawan
People’s Disaster Risk Reduction Network (PDRRN)	Pampanga
Rural Development Institute of Sultan Kudarat (RDISK)	Sultan Kudarat
Roots of Health (ROH)	Palawan
Community Organizers Multiversity (CO Multiversity)	Manila Davao
Health Organization for Mindanao (HOM)	Cotabato
Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS)	Manila
Bohol Integrated Development Foundation, Inc. (BIDEF)	Bohol
Philippine Center for Civic Education and Democracy (PCCED)	Bohol
University of Bohol Community Development Foundation, Inc.	Bohol
The Philippine Association for Intercultural Development (PAFID)	Bohol

The HRC consortium is based in different provinces but mobile and able to respond nationwide.

CAUCUS OF DEVELOPMENT NGO NETWORKS, INC. (CODE-NGO)	
Cordillera Network of Development NGOs (CORDNET)	CAR
Western Visayas Network of NGOs (WEVNET)	Region 6
Central Visayas Network of NGOs (CENVISNET)	Region 7
Eastern Visayas Network of NGOs (EVNET)	Region 8
Mindanao Coalition of Development NGOs (MINCODE)	ARMM

There are 10 CSO DRRM Coordination Hubs which serve as CODE-NGO’s platform for advocacy and learning exchange, also serving as it mechanism to effectively coordinate emergency response during disasters.

Ways of Working

When it comes to emergency response, time is of the essence. Peoples' lives often depend on immediate relief and assistance, and delay in the delivery of these services is a threat to their survival. This is why SAFER Foundation is building up its **Quick Response Fund (QRF)** even before a disaster strikes. The QRF is a pooled fund from public and private sources that can be activated through an appeal and disbursed immediately to local partners in an emergency situation.

SAFER proposes to partner with institutional donors and private sector companies for its Quick Response Program through the following ways:

1. Institutional Donor for the Quick Response Fund

International organizations seeking a transparent and effective relief mechanism in the Philippines share the same mission as SAFER. Founded by national NGO networks that work with tested and capable local humanitarian NGOs, SAFER provides donors insight to ethical emergency response. SAFER is also supported by an institutional partner funding its operational costs, which means funds received for the QRF are provided as direct assistance to beneficiaries thereby maximizing impact.

2. Corporate Partner for the Quick Response Fund

SAFER seeks to partner with companies that are interested to invest in local disaster response. Companies are asked to **pledge** or set aside a **specific amount** for the QRF, and provide the funds only when there is an active appeal during an emergency situation. This way, companies can maximize use of their money until they can channel it to disaster-affected communities.

3. Operational Resource Partner

Corporate partners provide operational resources to support the implementation of SAFER's Quick Response Program. Examples of operational resources needed by the Foundation during emergencies are **land** and **air vehicles** or **fuel** for transportation.

During an active emergency appeal, corporate partners are sent an assessment of the emergency response plan of SAFER which include information on the community, extent of damage, planned intervention and the financial and non-financial resources needed from partners.

4. Corporate Fundraising Partner

SAFER ignites that Bayanihan spirit in times of disasters and encourages individuals to come in aid of their *kapwa*. As a corporate fundraising partner of SAFER, Shell employees can donate to the QRF through **employee donations** or **matching gifts**. SAFER can also be a beneficiary to a corporate fundraising event by the organization.

Benefits of being a DONOR and CORPORATE PARTNER:

Donors and corporate partners are provided full **information** of the project including local assessment, details of the implementation, and the impact on the community. SAFER shall provide a terminal project report to its partners and funders as part of its **accountability** mechanism, and institutions can use this to promote its **corporate social responsibility** to the public.

SAFER also invests time to recognize the valuable contributions of its partners by ensuring **visibility** during the response and on its communications channels. Moreover, the Foundation can provide **tax credits** to the donor institution through its member networks accredited by the PCNC.

Other ways of working

SAFER calls on private institutions to work with us and support locally-led emergency response.

Donate via Bank Deposit

Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)
Katipunan Branch
Account Name: Shared Aid Fund for Emergency Response, Inc.
Account Number: 3081 – 1194 – 21

For check donations, kindly send us an email at saferphilippines@gmail.com or call us at (02) 920 25 95 if you need us to pick up your check within Metro Manila.

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Governance

SAFER is governed by a Board of Trustees and led by an Executive Committee composed of local civil leaders who have strong track records and credibility in humanitarian emergency response work in the Philippines.

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