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### **Emergency Appeal Launched as Typhoon Tino (Kalmaegi) Devastates Communities in Negros, Philippines**

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The Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation has launched an urgent emergency appeal following the destruction caused by Category 4 Typhoon *Kalmaegi* (locally known as Typhoon Tino), which has severely impacted communities on the island of **Negros** in the Philippines.

While Australian media coverage has focused largely on the impact in Cebu, the neighbouring island of Negros—where long-standing Good Samaritan ministries are located—has also suffered extensive damage.

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In **Boulevard**, a coastal squatter settlement where many scholarship students, staff, and families supported through the Foundation’s nutrition program live, homes have been destroyed, and large sections of the community have been washed away. Families are displaced and many are now seeking makeshift shelter, with limited access to food, clean water, and essential supplies.

Inland communities have also been affected, including the **Sisters of the Good Samaritan Kinder School**, where families are facing significant disruption.

The Foundation has established an **Emergency Relief Appeal** to provide assistance, including shelter materials, meals, and assistance to rebuild homes. *“Your contribution, will help families already living with vulnerability rebuild their communities. Together we can offer our compassion and practical support.”* said Sonya Mears Executive Director of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

#### **How to Help**

Donations can be made online here [>>>](#) **Please select *Philippines Emergency Appeal* in the donation form’s drop down menu.**

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