

MEET ROMNICK FROM THE PHILIPPINES

When Super Typhoon Rai ravaged parts of the Philippines in December 2021, it damaged and destroyed 1.7 million homes. Typhoon Rai, locally known as Odette, was the most severe storm to hit the country in 2021.

With support from the Rotary Club of Cebu, in total we provided shelter and emergency aid to over 100,000 people whose homes lay in the path of the super typhoon.

Romnick's family lives in the uplands of Dalguette, a rural municipality of southern Cebu. The typhoon severely damaged their home, to the point that Romnick thought a bomb had gone off. He told us there were no leaves left on the trees.

Thanks to our supporters, the family received a shelter kit containing tarpaulin, rope, nails, various tools, and a solar light.

"We put the tarpaulin up straight away because our roofs had holes in them. I used the shovel to collect sand. All of it was useful. ShelterBox really helped the victims of the typhoon. We are very grateful to ShelterBox."

Looking into the future, Romnick plans to improve his home. "Perhaps I will make a solid one. A concrete one would be better for it not to be destroyed easily. I am going to build another house in another location because the soil here keeps on eroding."