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## PHILIPPINES

# MARINEL UBALDO

## Fighting to save a community hit by climate crisis

Marinel Sumook Ubaldo was 16 when she faced the devastating impact of climate change at first hand. On 13 November 2013, Typhoon Yolanda, one of the most powerful on record, destroyed her village, Matarinao, in Eastern Samar province. The typhoon killed 6,300 people in the Philippines and millions lost their homes.

'The government response was inadequate,' Marinel says: the relocation sites lacked basic services such as water and electricity, and there were only limited opportunities for people to earn a living. As a result, many families returned to their original homes, even though they are in dangerous areas.

Since the typhoon, Marinel has become a leading youth activist, dedicated to ensuring governments around the world confront climate change and its impact on communities like Matarinao.

## EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS

Together we can help protect communities most vulnerable to climate change

### SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Marinel Ubaldo,  
c/o Amnesty International Philippines  
6-C Perseveranda Townhomes II  
Maningning Street, Sikatuna Village  
Quezon City 1101  
Philippines

**Language** English, Filipino or Waray

**Suggested message** Marinel, we stand with you in your fight for your community. *A Filipino translation is available at [amnesty.org.uk/write](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write)*

**Creative action** Marinel would love to hear how your community is helping to protect the environment.

### CAN I

- **Send a religious card or message?** No
- **Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?** Yes
- **Include my name and address?** Yes

### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Tell the government to provide the residents of Matarinao, Eastern Samar, with decent living conditions.

**Write to** Rodrigo Duterte, President of Philippines,  
Malacañang Complex  
JP Laurel Street, San Miguel  
Manila 1005  
Philippines

**Salutation** Dear President

**In your letter tell him**

- To consult residents of Matarinao, Salcedo, Eastern Samar and other vulnerable areas and provide them with water, electricity, safe and adequate housing, and employment opportunities, with their consent
- To ensure the rights of people living in vulnerable communities are respected and upheld, especially in times of disaster.

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