

# The Philippines Multiple Hazard Zone



Different hazard events happening at the same time can leave communities having to deal with a new disaster when trying to recover. Multiple hazards leave a community in a near constant state of emergency, hindering development.

### **Location and associated hazards**

**Convergent plate boundary** – There are 22 active volcanoes and the Philippines is prone to Earthquakes. 30% of the population live within 30 km of a Volcano.

Pacific Ocean – Prone to Tsunamis.

**Typhoon belt** – The Philippines has on average 15 per year.

High rainfall, steep topography, and deforestation – Landslides.

## **Vulnerability**

The Philippines has a growing population, rapid urbanisation, and high levels of poverty.

- Rapidly developing.
- Many of the poor live in coastal areas.
- 25% of the population are in poverty.

# Examples of where the multiple hazards in the Philippines has led to problems

### 2006

- Earthquake killed 15 people.
- This generated a 3m high Tsunami and landslides which lead to flooding.

#### 2013 – Within 3 months

- Earthquake killed 223 people.
- Typhoon Haiyan killed 6201 people.
- Tropical floods killed 64.





