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Your Excellency,

**Marinel Sumook Ubaldo**

Marinel Sumook Ubaldo was only 16 years-old when she faced the disastrous effects of climate change in 2013 when typhoon Yolanda struck the Philippines. Having survived the deadly typhoon Marinel became a leading youth activist, dedicated to ensuring the Philippine government, and governments around the world, confront climate change and tackle its effects on her community, and others like them.

Please contact President Duterte on my behalf urging him to support Marinel’s cause by ensuring that he prioritises help for vulnerable communities such as the residents of Matarinao village in Salcedo, Eastern Samar (and other vulnerable communities in the Philippines) to live in decent conditions, including having access to enough food, water, housing, electricity and toilets. So far not enough has been done and the community has been left to live in unhealthy conditions, where it is hard to earn a livelihood.

Your appeal on my behalf will ensure that these vulnerable communities are given the help they need and will also help the government to realise the importance of joining the world community in its fight against deforestation and other environmental problems.

In the hope that Marinel’s story will inspire others to take climate issues more seriously,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gill Hardy