



Philippines – Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) ECHO CRISIS FLASH N° 6

Period covered:
Wednesday 13/11/13
14:00 PHI Time –
Thursday 14/11/13
14:00 PHI Time

Time of validity:
Date: 14/11/2013 Time:
06:00 UTC

ECHO Field Office:
Bangkok - Thailand

Number of people affected:
8 007 200 in 43 provinces
(National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council – NDRRMC)
11.5 million
(Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD))

Number of refugees and/or internally displaced persons (IDPs)
IDPs: 534 343 (NDRRMC)

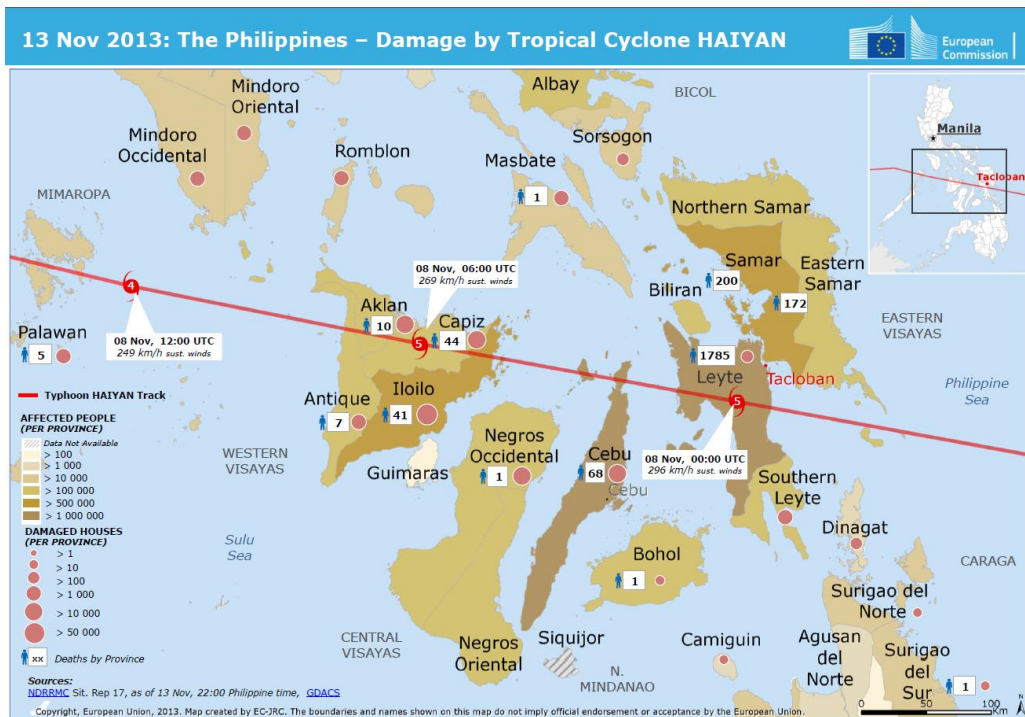
Number of dead:
2 357 (NDRRMC)

Number of missing:
77 - NDRRMC

Number of wounded:
3 853 - NDRRMC

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1. Map



(source: JRC)

2. Situation

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) as of 14 November (6.00 am PHI time), approximately 8 million people have been affected and the death toll has increased to 2 357 people. 236,989 houses have been damaged (130 074 totally and 106 915 partially).

The Government of the Philippines established additional distribution points in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, and Ormoc City, Leyte, to facilitate faster delivery aid. However, debris on main roads (to the extent of cars hanging in trees) severely hamper movements of supplies, especially in Leyte and Eastern Samar provinces. In Tacloban City, bodies remain unrecovered on the streets and under debris.

According to OCHA Situation Report of 13 November, a total of 2.5 million people are in need of food assistance. Preliminary estimation indicate that more than 1 million farmer and fishing households need assistance to restore their natural resource-based livelihoods.

Temporary health facilities are needed. There is an urgent need for body bags as well as generators, medicines, surgical supplies, cold storage and WASH facilities. Although some arrived at Cebu airport the challenge is the transport inside the affected areas.

OCHA reports that an estimated 56 400 women of 15- 49 years old are at risk of sexual and gender-based violence. It is estimated that more than 40 per cent of the affected population are children under the age of 18.

3. Assistance

According to the Financial Tracking Services (FTS), donors have contributed an overall amount of USD 81 million.

Filipino, American, Singaporean and Japanese C-130 aircrafts and American Osprey planes are now regularly rotating through Tacloban airport. The United States and United Kingdom dispatched naval ships with helicopters expected to arrive by Friday 15 November.

A single food pipeline has been established. As of 13 November, 3 000 people in Tacloban City have received assistance from the single food pipeline. Approximately 50,000 family packs, containing 3 kg of rice and canned goods, were distributed throughout the day to 250 000 beneficiaries. About 25 metric tons of high-energy biscuits (HEB) are awaiting airlift from Manila to Tacloban, with an additional 10 metric tons to follow.

Five foreign medical teams are now operating in Cebu City and Tacloban City, bringing in supplies and implementing emergency care.

The Protection Cluster is working with local authorities to identify and register separated and unaccompanied children.

In view to facilitate the delivery of the European assistance, an EU Civil Protection team supported by ECHO personnel has been deployed to the Philippines. They are currently in Tacloban (six experts) and in Cebu (1 expert). They are in liaison with B-Fast (Belgium), THW (Germany) team and UNDAC, also deployed in Tacloban.

4. Other information

- A combined Humanitarian Assistance (HA) and Civil Protection (CP) needs assessment is in planning.
- On 12 November, the Government's operation centre in Tacloban City was relocated to the Oval grand Stand. The Government will open a second operation centre in Ormoc City, Leyte.
- According to ECHO personnel in Tacloban City, the smell of the town indicating that dead bodies are still lying under the piles of debris. The airport can only accept aircraft with short take-off and landing, and only during daylight. Transportation from the airport into town remains a challenge and is going to take long time to solve as it means cleaning out 11 km of debris.
- ECHO personnel in Tacloban indicates that there is hardly any coordination. Although all clusters have been activated, none are operational. As of reporting time, information about needs assessments outside Tacloban and various other areas is not available. The first Logistic Cluster meeting is planned for Thursday 14 November.