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## **Asia – Storms and Tsunami**

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 8, 2009

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 5, 2009.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On October 6, the U.N. issued a flash appeal requesting more than \$74 million in support of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GoRP), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and U.N. operations in the Philippines following landfall of Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma. According to the U.N., the six-month appeal plans to provide food items and shelter materials, as well as support health, camp coordination and management, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities for 1 million flood-affected individuals in the Manila area.
- On October 8, a USAID/OFDA field officer deployed to the Philippines participated in a site visit to an evacuation center. The field officer reported that WASH remains the highest humanitarian priority for the Philippines.
- On October 8, USAID/OFDA announced plans to provide \$500,000 to the American Red Cross (AmRC) under the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) appeal for relief activities to be implemented in collaboration with the Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC).
- On October 8, USAID/OFDA allocated an additional \$750,000 to support assistance efforts in Samoa, bringing the total USAID/OFDA allocation for Samoa to \$1.1 million. These funds will be programmed in coordination with the USAID/OFDA field officer scheduled to arrive in Samoa on October 9 and in consultation with the U.S. Embassy in Apia.
- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor in Hanoi, Vietnam, is visiting flood-affected Quang Ngai Province with Red Cross officials from October 8 to 10 to observe assistance efforts and assess critical needs.
- On October 6, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, to the Tonga Red Cross Society (TRCS) for disaster relief activities, in accordance with a disaster declaration and request from U.S. Ambassador C. Steven McGann.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		
<b>Country</b>	<b>Estimated Affected Population</b>	<b>Source</b>
<b>Laos</b>	16 dead; 37,500 displaced; 155,500 affected	IFRC – October 3, 2009
<b>Philippines</b>	360 dead; 326,355 displaced; 5,172,983 affected	NDCC <sup>1</sup> – October 8, 2009
<b>Samoa</b>	137 dead; 32,000 displaced	OCHA <sup>2</sup> – October 6, 2009
<b>Tonga</b>	9 dead; 300 displaced; 470 affected	OCHA – October 6, 2009
<b>Vietnam</b>	163 dead; 600,000 evacuated	UN – October 8, 2009

### **FY 2009 AND FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE**

**USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Laos for Floods .....\$50,000**  
**USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Philippines for Storms and Floods .....\$1,554,496<sup>3</sup>**  
**DoD<sup>4</sup> Humanitarian Assistance to Philippines for Storms and Floods .....\$560,001**  
**USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Samoa for Tsunami .....\$350,000<sup>5</sup>**  
**USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Tonga for Tsunami ..... \$50,000**  
**USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Vietnam for Typhoon .....\$600,000**  
**Total USG<sup>6</sup> Humanitarian Assistance to Asia and the Pacific for Storms, Floods and Tsunami .....\$3,164,497**

<sup>1</sup> GoRP National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC)

<sup>2</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

<sup>3</sup> This amount includes \$1.15 million of an FY 2010 USAID/OFDA allocation of \$1.8 million, as well as the USAID/OFDA FY 2009 contribution in response to the storms. The remaining \$650,000 from the FY 2010 allocation to date will be awarded to humanitarian organizations based on current assessments.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

<sup>5</sup> This amount does not include an additional \$750,000 USAID/OFDA allocation for Samoa announced October 8.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Government

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

- As of October 8 at 1100 hours Eastern Daylight Time, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) located the center of Tropical Depression Parma approximately 167 miles north-northeast of Manila, Philippines. Tropical Depression Parma continues to bring heavy rainfall and exacerbate flooding in northern Luzon Island. The JTWC forecasts the weather system to affect southern China, Vietnam, and Laos while moving over the South China Sea.

### *Laos*

- Beginning September 29, remnants from Typhoon Ketsana caused heavy rainfall in southern Laos, leading to severe flooding in Attapu, Saravan, and Xekong provinces. The Lao Red Cross Society (LRCS) reported that the typhoon has affected six southern provinces, killed 16 people, injured 120 individuals, displaced approximately 37,500 others, and affected approximately 155,000 individuals to date. According to LRCS, 143 people remained missing as of October 3.

### *Philippines*

- According to NDCC, Tropical Storm Ketsana (Ondoy) and Typhoon Parma (Pepeng) have affected more than 5.1 million people, leaving 360 dead, more than 326,000 people displaced in shelters, and more than 51,500 houses damaged or destroyed as of October 8.
- According to OCHA, WASH activities and food distribution remain the main priorities. GoRP, U.N., and NGO assessments of affected areas remain ongoing. The NDCC has requested that all humanitarian organizations coordinate assessments through the NDCC.
- On October 8, heavy rains filled Pantabagan, Neuva Ecija, and San Rogue dams in Pangasinan Province, western Luzon Island, which the GoRP then drained. The released water increased local flooding. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) began response activities to address humanitarian needs of affected communities.
- On October 5, a joint team including staff from the GoRP Regional Disaster Coordination Council, GoRP Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination team conducted aerial surveys of the most affected areas in Cagayan Province, revealing significant agricultural damage in the north of the province. In addition, OCHA reported that Typhoon Parma damaged a significant portion of the agricultural sector in Isabela Province, which produces the majority of the country's corn and is the second-largest producer of rice.
- As of October 7, NDCC has dispatched 30,150 sacks of rice to people in affected areas.

### *Samoa*

- The September 29 earthquake and associated tsunami in the Pacific killed 137 people and displaced approximately 32,000 individuals, according an October 6 OCHA report.
- The Government of Samoa has downgraded the national situation designation from a state of disaster to a state of emergency and has endorsed the need to transition from relief to early recovery activities.
- Samoan Red Cross Society (SRCS) assessments indicate that the tsunami has affected 40 villages along the southeastern coast, with 20 villages completely destroyed. Despite the damage, SRCS noted that affected areas remain accessible by road.

### *Tonga*

- The September 29 Pacific tsunami most seriously affected the northern island of Niuaotupapu, located 400 miles north of the capital, Nuku'Alofa. As of October 6, the tsunami had caused nine deaths and displaced approximately 300 persons, according to OCHA. The earthquake and associated tsunami also damaged or destroyed 145 houses, water storage facilities, and crops.
- The TRCS reported safe drinking water and shelter as priority needs.
- According to the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, humanitarian agencies and the Government of Tonga (GoT) have established a temporary medical center, restored water to all villages, and continue to erect tents for temporary housing.
- A national state of emergency remains in effect as of October 8; however, OCHA reported that GoT anticipates moving into the early recovery phase in the next week.
- According to OCHA, likely priority areas for early recovery activities include WASH, shelter, health infrastructure, psychosocial support, and livelihood support.

### *Vietnam*

- As of October 8, Typhoon Ketsana and associated flooding have killed 163 people, injured 629 others, and destroyed 21,429 houses, according to the U.N. Vietnam Country Team.

- On October 8, the U.N. Vietnam Country Team announced the activation of the U.N. Early Recovery Cluster. The cluster plans to hold the first meeting on October 12.
- The U.N. Vietnam Country Team reported 335 cases of diarrhea, 1,300 eye infections, 23,000 cases of skin disease, and 4,200 flu cases in Quang Nam Province. Many wells in central Vietnam remain contaminated as of October 8.
- On October 5, IFRC reported that floodwaters were receding in almost all affected areas, except for lagoons and low-lying areas, some of which remained accessible only by boat.
- On October 2, IFRC launched a \$4.75 million appeal to support the Vietnam Red Cross Society (VRCS) to assist 50,000 families, or approximately 210,000 people, for 12 months.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

### *Laos*

- On October 1, U.S. Ambassador Ravic R. Huso issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of floods caused by Typhoon Ketsana. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane to LRCS to help meet immediate emergency needs of flood-affected populations.

### *Philippines*

- On September 28, U.S. Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of Tropical Storm Ketsana. In response, USAID/OFDA provided an immediate \$100,000 through USAID/Philippines to PNRC for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. PNRC also plans to use USAID/OFDA support for cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area.
- On October 2, in coordination with U.S. Embassy and GoRP authorities, a USAID/OFDA charter flight delivered relief items including 340 rolls of plastic sheeting, 3,360 hygiene kits, and 3,334 10-liter collapsible water containers. The PNRC received the commodities for delivery to 20,000 flood-affected individuals.
- In the early stages of the disaster response, DoD Pacific Command provided equipment, transport, and logistics support, including 10 helicopters and six Zodiac boats for search and rescue efforts, to aid storm-affected individuals. DoD engineers and medical personnel are also on site. DoD currently conducts daily missions in the Manila metropolitan area, including road clearance and transport of food and emergency relief supplies, as requested by the GoRP and in coordination with USAID/OFDA.
- On October 5, USAID/OFDA increased the FY 2010 allocation to \$1.8 million for emergency grants to humanitarian organizations, including \$500,000 to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to support special relief operations under a joint U.N. flash appeal, \$500,000 to AmRC, and \$150,000 to IOM. USAID/OFDA is programming the remaining funding based on current assessments.
- On October 5, DoD staff, accompanied by a USAID/OFDA field officer, conducted an aerial assessment of Lake Laguna. Subsequently, on October 6, DoD delivered relief supplies to Talim Island in Lake Laguna, at the request of AFP. In coordination with AFP, DoD continues to provide daily missions to transport needed commodities, clear debris, and provide medical assistance to affected populations.
- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor and field officer remain in the Philippines to assess flood impacts and facilitate USG assistance in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/Philippines.

### *Samoa*

- On October 1, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., Arnold H. Campbell issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the September 29 Pacific tsunami. In response, USAID/OFDA contributed \$100,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Apia to SRCS for the purchase and distribution of relief commodities.
- In accordance with a request from the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., in Samoa, USAID/OFDA allocated an additional \$250,000 to support tsunami relief and recovery efforts on October 5. USAID/OFDA plans to program relief activities based on recommendations of USAID/OFDA regional advisors in consultation with the U.S. Embassy in Apia.
- On October 8, USAID/OFDA allocated an additional \$750,000 to support disaster recovery activities in Samoa.
- A USAID/OFDA field officer is scheduled to arrive in Samoa on October 9 to assess needs and facilitate USG humanitarian assistance, in accordance with the U.S. Embassy in Apia.

### *Tonga*

- On October 6, U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, Nauru, Kiribati, and Tonga and Tuvalu, C. Steven McGann, issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the tsunami. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji, to the TRCS for disaster relief activities.

## Vietnam

- On October 1, U.S. Ambassador Michael W. Michalak issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of Typhoon Ketsana. In response, USAID/OFDA contributed \$100,000 through USAID/Vietnam to IFRC to support VRCS relief operations.
- USAID/OFDA is providing \$500,000 to AmRC to support VRCS relief operations based on the IFRC emergency appeal. USAID/OFDA funding supports the distribution of household kits to flood-affected families and the development of a cash transfer program to allow affected families to purchase emergency and early recovery items locally.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LAOS FOR TYPHOON KETSANA IN FY 2010**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
LRCS	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 8, 2009.

**USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINES FOR STORMS IN FY 2009 AND FY 2010**

<b>FY 2010</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
AmRC	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$500,000
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$150,000
WFP	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$1,150,000</b>
<b>DOD</b>			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$560,001
<b>TOTAL DOD</b>			<b>\$560,001</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010</b>			<b>\$1,710,001</b>
<b>FY 2009</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
PNRC	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
USAID	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$293,709
	Administrative Cost	Affected Areas	\$10,787
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$404,496</b>
<b>DOD</b>			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	To be determined
<b>TOTAL DOD</b>			<b>To be determined</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$404,496</b>
<b>FY 2009 AND FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$1,554,496</b>
<b>DOD</b>			<b>\$560,001</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$2,114,497</b>

<sup>1</sup>USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 8, 2009.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SAMOA FOR TSUNAMI IN FY 2010**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Samaritan's Purse	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$250,000
SRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$350,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 8, 2009.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO TONGA FOR TSUNAMI IN FY 2010**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
TRCS	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 8, 2009.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM FOR TYPHOON KETSANA IN FY 2010**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
IFRC <sup>2</sup>	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 8, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Includes funding that may be directed to the IFRC appeal through the American Red Cross.

<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ASIA AND THE PACIFIC FOR STORMS, FLOODS AND TSUNAMI IN FY 2009 AND FY 2010</b>	<b>\$3,164,497</b>
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**PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for storms and tsunami response efforts in East Asia and the Pacific can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).