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Philippines – Tropical Storm

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

September 30, 2009

BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 26, Tropical Storm Ketsana, known locally as Ondoy, made landfall in the northern Philippines with wind speeds of approximately 53 miles per hour (mph), bringing sustained heavy rains throughout Luzon Island. In two days, the island received the equivalent of a typical monsoon month’s rainfall, submerging 80 percent of the capital city Manila and causing the most extensive flooding Manila has experienced in more than 40 years.
- On September 27, the Philippines Secretary of National Defense and chairman of the Philippines National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) declared a state of national calamity in Manila and 27 provinces in Luzon.
- According to the NDCC, floods have killed more than 240 people and affected nearly 2.3 million individuals as of September 30, including more than 730,000 evacuees residing in 561 evacuation shelters or with host families. In addition, NDCC reported that flood waters have destroyed or damaged more than 4,644 houses, as well as roads, bridges, schools, and agricultural land, as of September 30. NDCC also notes that the storm has caused \$4.8 billion in damages, including \$1.6 billion in infrastructure damage and \$3.2 billion in damage to agricultural assets.
- 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 has provided \$100,000 through USAID/Philippines to the Philippines National Red Cross Society (PNRC) for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. Funding also will support cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area.
- On September 30, USAID/OFDA allocated an additional \$1 million for emergency grants to PNRC and other humanitarian organizations, to be awarded based on forthcoming assessments.
- U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Pacific Command (PACOM) provided one helicopter and six Zodiac boats to transport supplies and conduct rescue operations in the early stage of the disaster, beginning on September 27. Additional DoD PACOM support for humanitarian efforts is anticipated, subject to forthcoming assessments.
- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor arrived in Manila on September 29 to assess flood impacts and facilitate U.S. Government (USG) assistance, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/Philippines. A USAID/OFDA field officer is scheduled to arrive October 1.
- In coordination with U.S. Embassy and Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GoRP) authorities, USAID/OFDA is airlifting relief items including plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, hygiene kits, and collapsible water containers, for 20,000 flood victims. The relief flight is scheduled to arrive in Manila by the weekend.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Total Affected Population	2,254,915	NDCC - September 30, 2009
Dead	246	NDCC - September 30, 2009
Injured	5	NDCC - September 30, 2009
Missing	42	NDCC - September 30, 2009
Evacuated or Displaced	736,197	NDCC - September 30, 2009
Infrastructure Damage	4,644 houses, as well as roads, bridges, schools, agricultural land damaged	NDCC - September 30, 2009

FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storm\$404,496
DoD Assistance for Philippines Tropical StormTo be determined
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storm.....\$404,496

CURRENT SITUATION

- Schools in the affected area are scheduled to remain closed through September 30 due to flooding and use of campuses for temporary shelter of displaced populations.

- On September 29, the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) announced approximately \$3 million to address immediate needs of populations affected by Tropical Storm Ketsana. An ECHO rapid response coordinator remains in Manila to conduct humanitarian assessments and liaise with implementing partners.
- On September 29, the U.N. announced plans to deploy a U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team (UNDAC) team to the affected area to assist with operations and recovery activities.
- As of September 30 at 1100 hours Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), the center of Typhoon Parma was located approximately 184 miles north-northwest of Palau, according to the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center. The storm is expected to strengthen during the next 48 hours as it moves over open water and is projected to make landfall in the northern Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. Philippines authorities have begun preparations for the new storm, while continuing relief and recovery from Tropical Storm Ketsana.

Humanitarian Coordination

- On September 26, GoRP authorities activated food, nutrition, non-food item (NFI), protection, health, camp management/camp coordination, logistics, and water, sanitation, and hygiene clusters.
- On September 27, U.N. cluster leads and GoRP counterparts conducted emergency cluster meetings and participated in an aerial assessment of affected areas. Humanitarian staff and GoRP counterparts conducted a joint rapid needs assessment of affected areas of Manila on September 28, and local authorities have requested additional assessments to other affected areas. Wider assessments remain ongoing as of September 30.
- At the request of the NDCC chairman, the U.N. Coordination Office dispatched a National Disaster Response Advisor to assist with the NDCC coordination of operations of the emergency response.
- Currently, the International Organization for Migration and U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) are coordinating with government counterparts regarding potential assistance in health, shelter, NFI, and camp management/camp coordination.
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the activated cluster mechanism is coordinating the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) response to the current emergency, and NDCC, Department of Health (DoH), and with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) are currently taking the lead on assessment and response activities, with the support of IASC partners.
- Currently, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is supporting the PNRC to coordinate Red Cross response actions.

Food Assistance

- On September 28, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) announced plans to provide food assistance to individuals affected by the storm. Working in coordination with DSWD, WFP plans to provide more than 740 metric tons of rice to 178,000 storm-affected individuals.
- On September 30, OCHA reported that the NDCC has released 1,950 sacks of rice to three of the most-affected areas.

Health

- The GoRP DoH, with assistance from WHO, is monitoring potential cases of water borne disease, dengue, and measles, as reported by OCHA on September 30.

Emergency Relief Commodities

- As of September 27, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) had released 2,000 emergency relief commodities kits following a DSWD request for assistance. UNICEF continues to assess additional needs, particularly commodity and water, sanitation, and hygiene needs.
- In coordination with U.S. Embassy and GoRP authorities, USAID/OFDA is airlifting relief items including plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, hygiene kits, and collapsible water containers, for 20,000 flood victims. The relief flight is scheduled to arrive in Manila by the weekend.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

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- The U.S. DoD PACOM provided equipment, transport, and logistics support, including one helicopter and six Zodiac boats for search and rescue efforts, to aid storm-affected individuals.
- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor arrived in Manila on September 29 to assess flood impacts and facilitate USG assistance, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/Philippines. A USAID/OFDA field officer is scheduled to arrive October 1.

- As of September 30, the USG has provided an initial \$100,000 in humanitarian assistance for Tropical Storm Ketsana, including support from USAID/OFDA for procurement and distribution of emergency relief supplies.
- In coordination with U.S. Embassy and GoRP authorities, USAID/OFDA is airlifting relief items including plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, hygiene kits, and collapsible water containers, for 20,000 flood victims. The relief flight is scheduled to arrive in Manila by the weekend.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORM

FY 2009			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
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
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$404,496
DOD			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	To be determined
TOTAL DOD			To be determined
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2009			

FY 2009 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORM	
USAID/OFDA	\$404,496
DOD	To be determined
TOTAL FY 2009 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORM	\$404,496

¹USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 30, 2009.

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. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in the Philippines is available at www.reliefweb.int.
- 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, warehouse space, etc); 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 – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int