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## ***Philippines – Tropical Storm***

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 2, 2009

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 30, 2009.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On October 2, in coordination with U.S. Embassy in Manila and Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GoRP) authorities, a USAID/OFDA charter flight delivered relief items including 340 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, 3,360 hygiene kits, and 3,334 collapsible 10-liter water containers. The Philippines National Red Cross Society (PNRC) received the commodities, and will deliver the assistance to 20,000 flood-affected individuals.
- According to the GoRP National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), floods have killed nearly 290 people and affected more than 3.1 million others as of October 2, including more than 419,221 evacuees residing in 508 evacuation shelters. In addition, NDCC reported that flood waters have destroyed or damaged more than 10,200 houses, as well as roads, bridges, schools, and agricultural assets, as of October 2.
- Results of the preliminary NDCC and Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) needs assessment released on September 30 indicate significant needs for food, non-food items (NFIs), as well as health and water, sanitation, and hygiene assistance.
- The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is authorized to provide additional support for relief operations in the Philippines, including logistics and transport, subject to requests from the GoRP, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/OFDA.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	3,175,740	NDCC - October 2, 2009
<b>Dead</b>	288	NDCC - October 2, 2009
<b>Injured</b>	5	NDCC - October 2, 2009
<b>Missing</b>	42	NDCC - October 2, 2009
<b>Evacuated or Displaced</b>	419,221	NDCC - October 2, 2009
<b>Infrastructure Damage</b>	10,214 houses as well as roads, bridges, schools, and agricultural land	NDCC - October 2, 2009

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

**USAID/OFDA Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storm .....\$404,496**  
**DoD Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storm .....To be determined**  
**Total USG<sup>1</sup> Humanitarian Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storm .....\$404,496**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- On October 1, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that the GoRP response has shifted from emergency rescue and evacuation to relief operations.
- Members of the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team arrived in Manila on September 30 and plan to assist the GoRP, U.N. Resident Coordinator, and U.N. Humanitarian Country Team with assessment, coordination, and information management in the field.
- A USAID/OFDA field officer arrived in Manila on October 1 to assess flood impacts and facilitate USG assistance, in coordination with the USAID/OFDA regional advisor, U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/Philippines
- As of October 2 at 1100 hours Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), the center of Typhoon Parma, known locally as Pepeng, was located approximately 265 miles east-northeast of Manila, according to the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center. The storm is expected to make landfall in the northern Philippines on October 3. Philippines authorities have begun preparations for the new storm, while continuing relief and recovery from Tropical Storm Ketsana.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Government (USG)

- On October 2, Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo declared a nationwide state of calamity and ordered the evacuation of residents in six provinces of Luzon in the direct path of Typhoon Parma. Currently, GoRP military and police officials are supporting the evacuation process and moving affected populations to safer areas while pre-deploying disaster relief response teams to targeted areas.

#### ***Humanitarian Coordination***

- Currently, the International Organization for Migration and U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) continue to coordinate with GoRP counterparts regarding potential assistance in health, shelter, NFI, and camp management and camp coordination activities.
- On October 1, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) announced plans to strengthen GoRP logistics capacity through provision of helicopters and boats to assist humanitarian agencies in reaching otherwise inaccessible areas and deliver emergency assistance to affected populations.
- At the request of GoRP, the U.N. plans to issue a flash appeal for additional support during the week of October 4. The U.N. Resident Coordinator, U.N. staff, cluster leads, and GoRP officials met on September 30 to discuss the scope and management of the flash appeal, according to OCHA.
- As of October 1, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) had released a preliminary emergency appeal to help the PNRC assist 100,000 storm-affected individuals during the next nine months. Continuing coordination efforts, IFRC released \$242,000 to the PNRC and the American Red Cross allocated \$50,000 to PNRC for the immediate IFRC appeal.

#### ***Food Assistance***

- On October 1, WFP announced an expansion of plans to provide emergency food assistance to individuals affected by the storm. Working in coordination with the GoRP Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), WFP aims to provide 1 million flood-affected individuals with food assistance during October. The \$20 million operation will include a general food distribution of rice, beans, oil, and high-energy biscuits, according to OCHA. In addition, WFP has begun to transport more than 740 metric tons of rice to 178,000 storm-affected individuals in the most affected areas, including Manila.
- On October 2, the NDCC reported that the organization had released 15,150 sacks of rice to three of the most-affected areas.

#### ***Health***

- According to the U.N. Health Cluster, some affected areas remain without access to health care services and many health facilities throughout the flooded region suffered significant damage. Additional assessments are needed to ascertain the full extent of the damage, according to U.N. Health Cluster members.
- On October 1, health partners reported inadequate medical supplies, disease surveillance equipment, and potable water supplies in affected areas, according to OCHA.
- On October 1, OCHA reported that the GoRP Department of Health (DoH), WHO, and U.N. Health Cluster members had signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance coordination, cooperation, and member commitment to agree on coordination activities.

#### ***Emergency Relief Commodities***

- On October 2, in coordination with U.S. Embassy in Manila and GoRP authorities, a USAID/OFDA charter flight delivered relief items including 340 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, 3,360 hygiene kits, and 3,334 collapsible 10-liter water containers. The PNRC received the commodities, and plans to deliver the assistance to 20,000 flood-affected individuals in coming days.

#### **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- 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 the PNRC for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. Funding also will support cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area.
- DoD Pacific Command 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 field officer arrived in Manila on October to assess flood impacts and facilitate USG assistance, in coordination with the USAID/OFDA regional advisor and the U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/Philippines.
- As of October 2, 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. USAID/OFDA has also allocated an additional \$1 million for emergency grants to PNRC and other humanitarian organizations, to be awarded based on forthcoming assessments.

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**USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORM**

<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>

<sup>1</sup>USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 2, 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](http://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](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)