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## ***Philippines – Typhoon***

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

July 3, 2008

*Note: This is the final fact sheet for this response. The last fact sheet was dated June 27, 2008*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On June 20, 2008, Typhoon Fengshen (Frank) made landfall in the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines with heavy rains and sustained winds of up to 160 km per hour (kph) and gusts of up to 175 kph, according to the Philippines Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration.
- The Philippines National Disaster Coordination Council (NDCC) reported on July 2 that the storm affected nearly 4.1 million people across 49 provinces. The typhoon killed 781 people and injured 792 others, while 673 people remain missing. In total, the typhoon damaged 254,744 houses and destroyed 84,706 houses.
- In response to humanitarian needs, USAID/OFDA deployed a two person coordination team and provided more than \$660,000 in relief assistance to assist individuals affected by the typhoon.
- The USS Ronald Reagan carrier group, including helicopters and fixed wing aircraft, delivered more than 500,000 pounds of relief commodities provided by the Department of Defense (DOD), USAID/OFDA, the Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC), and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).
- U.S. Government (USG) relief operations by USAID/ODFA and DOD were completed on July 2.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	4,097,143	NDCC – July 2, 2008
<b>Dead<sup>1</sup></b>	781	NDCC – July 2, 2008
<b>Injured</b>	792	NDCC – July 2, 2008
<b>Missing<sup>2</sup></b>	673	NDCC – July 2, 2008
<b>Displaced</b>	159,084	NDCC – July 2, 2008

**Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance Committed for Typhoon Fengshen.....\$666,725**  
**Total DOD Humanitarian Assistance Committed for Typhoon Fengshen.....\$1,502,900**  
**Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed for Typhoon Fengshen.....\$2,169,625**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- Up to 160,000 people remain in evacuation centers, according to the NDCC. Approximately 100,000 of these displaced people are on Panay Island.
- As a result of the typhoon, on June 21, the Princess of the Stars ferry sank in the area of Sibuyan Island with 866 passengers onboard. As of June 29, the NDCC reported that 56 survivors had been found, 173 people had been confirmed dead, and 637 were still missing.
- Ten provinces remain under State of Calamity declarations, according to the NDCC, including Albay, Antique, Iloilo, Aklan, Capiz, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotabato, Marinduque, and Romblon.

#### *Damage Assessment*

- According to the NDCC, the total damage caused by the storm is estimated at more than \$235 million. The damage assessment includes more than \$165 million in damage to agriculture, irrigation systems, livestock, and fisheries, and more than \$70 million in damage to infrastructure.

#### *Humanitarian Needs*

- The NDCC has identified food, clothing, and construction materials for transition shelters as priority relief needs. Additional needs include financial and agriculture assistance, infrastructure repair, and health supplies.

<sup>1</sup> This number includes those people reported killed as a result of the sinking of the Princess of the Stars ferry.

<sup>2</sup> This number includes those people reported missing as a result of the sinking of the Princess of the Stars ferry.

**USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- On June 26, a two person USAID/OFDA team arrived in Iloilo to assess needs and work with DOD and Philippine counterparts to coordinate USG assistance.
- On June 23, U.S. Chargé d' Affaires Thomas B. Gibbons declared a disaster due to the effects of Typhoon Fengshen. In response, USAID provided an initial \$100,000 through USAID/Philippines to the PNRC. This funding supported the purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, including blankets, plastic mats, mosquito nets, and water containers, to families affected by the storm.
- On June 25, the USS Ronald Reagan and its carrier group, including one cruiser, two destroyers, and one frigate, arrived west of Panay Island. Between June 25 and July 2, helicopters and fixed wing C-2 aircraft from the carrier group, flying approximately 320 sorties, delivered more than 500,000 pounds of relief commodities and transported USG and AFP personnel to otherwise inaccessible areas on Panay and Sicogon islands.
- On June 29, USAID airlifted relief commodities to Iloilo Airport, which were then distributed to affected communities via DOD aircraft. The airlift included 3,360 hygiene kits, 334 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, and 6,660 water containers. The value of the airlift, including transport to Iloilo, was more than \$560,000.
- On June 24, the U.S. Navy Ship (USNS) Stockham deployed with small boats, two search and rescue helicopters, and an underwater scuba team, to find survivors and locate bodies from the Princess of the Stars. The USNS Stockham left the typhoon-affected area on July 1.

**USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES**

<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	Cebu, Ramblon, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Sultan Kudarat, and Maguindanao provinces	\$100,000
USAID Stockpile and Logistics	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected areas	\$566,725
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$666,725</b>
<b>DOD ASSISTANCE</b>			
GRP <sup>1</sup> and PNRC	Emergency Relief Supplies	Panay and Sicogon islands	\$123,700
GRP and PNRC	Operational Support Costs	Panay and Sicogon islands	\$1,379,200
<b>TOTAL DOD</b>			<b>\$1,502,900</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR TYPHOON FRANK IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$2,169,625</b>

<sup>1</sup> Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP)

**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 may be 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)

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)