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East Asia and Pacific – Tsunami and Storms

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 5, 2009

BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 26, Tropical Storm Ketsana made landfall in the northern Philippines with maximum sustained wind speeds of approximately 53 miles per hour (mph), bringing sustained heavy rains throughout Luzon Island.¹ The storm moved eastward, re-intensifying over open water and made landfall in central Vietnam on September 29 with maximum sustained wind speeds of approximately 93 mph, with heavy rains resulting in flooding. Storm remnants continued westward towards Laos, leading to additional severe flooding.
- On September 29, a magnitude 8.0 earthquake generated a local tsunami that affected the Samoan islands.²
- On October 3, Typhoon Parma made landfall in the Cagayan Province of Luzon Island in the northern Philippines, with maximum sustained winds of approximately 92 mph, according to the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC). As of October 5, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GoRP) National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) reported that Typhoon Parma affected more than 238,000 people, caused 16 confirmed deaths, and displaced nearly 71,000 individuals to evacuation centers.
- In addition, NDCC reported that Tropical Storm Ketsana affected more than 3.9 million people, leaving 295 dead, while more than 335,000 people remained displaced in shelters.
- USAID/OFDA has allocated a total of \$1.8 million for emergency grants to humanitarian organizations in the Philippines to be awarded based on current assessments. The total includes \$1 million announced on Oct 2, and \$800,000 announced on Oct. 5, 2009.
- In accordance with a request from the Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., in Samoa, on October 5 USAID/OFDA allocated an additional \$250,000 to support tsunami relief and recovery efforts. This assistance is being programmed based on recommendations of USAID/OFDA regional advisors in consultation with the U.S. Embassy in Apia.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		
Country	Estimated Affected Population	Source
Laos	16 dead, 37,500 displaced, 155,500 affected	IFRC ³ – October 3, 2009
Philippines	311 dead, 406,504 displaced, 4,167,279 affected	NDCC – October 5, 2009
Samoa (Tsunami)	135 dead, 35,000 displaced	OCHA ⁴ – October 4, 2009
Vietnam	170 dead, 600,000 evacuated	IFRC – October 5, 2009

FY 2009 AND FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Laos for Typhoon	\$50,000
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Philippines for Storms.....	\$1,054,496⁵
DoD⁶ Humanitarian Assistance to Philippines for Storms	To be determined
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Samoa for Tsunami	\$100,000⁷
USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Vietnam for Typhoon	\$600,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to East Asia and the Pacific for Tsunami and Storms.....	\$1,804,496

¹ For more detailed information on the USG response to storms in the Philippines, please refer to the *Philippines – Tropical Storm* fact sheets at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/

² For information on the USG response to the September 29 tsunami in American Samoa, please refer to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at www.fema.gov.

For information on the U.S. Government (USG) response to the September 30 earthquake in Indonesia, please see the *Indonesia – Earthquake* fact sheets at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/

³ International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

⁴ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

⁵ This amount includes \$650,000 of USAID/OFDA’s allocation of \$1.8 million. The remaining \$1.15 million will be awarded to humanitarian organizations based on current assessments.

⁶ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

⁷ This amount does not include the additional \$250,000 allocated to support tsunami relief and recovery efforts in Samoa on October 5.

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of October 5 at 1700 hours Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Tropical Storm Parma was located approximately 345 miles north of Manila and expected to remain in the Luzon Strait over the next 48 hours, before slowly tracking southwest, according to JTWC.

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) identified six southern provinces affected by Ketsana, reporting that the storm killed 16 people, displaced approximately 37,500 others, and affected approximately 155,000 individuals. The LRCS also reported that 143 people remained missing and 120 were injured.

Philippines

- On September 26, Tropical Storm Ketsana made landfall in the northern Philippines with maximum sustained wind speeds of approximately 53 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.
- According to NDCC, Tropical Storm Ketsana affected more than 3.9 million people, leaving 295 dead and 39 missing as of October 5. More than 335,000 people remained displaced in shelters, and floods damaged or destroyed more than 39,000 houses.

Samoa

- On September 29, a magnitude 8.0 earthquake occurred off the coast of Samoa, 120 miles south of the capital of Apia, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The earthquake generated a tsunami surge that resulted in waves reportedly reaching as high as 20 feet, according to OCHA.
- The waves particularly affected the south and southeastern coast of Upolu Island, while also affecting villages on Savai'i, Manono, and Apolima islands. The earthquake and associated tsunami killed 135 people and displaced approximately 35,000 individuals, according to OCHA. On September 29, the Government of Samoa (GoS) issued a declaration of disaster.
- Samoan Red Cross Society (SRCS) assessments indicate that 40 villages have been affected along the southeastern coast, with 20 villages completely destroyed by the tsunami waves. Despite the damage sustained, SRCS noted that the affected areas are accessible by road. OCHA reported that humanitarian needs included food assistance, emergency shelter assistance, and water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions.

Vietnam

- On September 29, Typhoon Ketsana made landfall in Vietnam with maximum sustained wind speeds of approximately 93 mph, bringing sustained heavy rains in 14 provinces throughout central Vietnam. Prior to landfall, the Government of Vietnam (GoV) evacuated an estimated 600,000 people. The typhoon and associated flooding killed 170 people and injured 625 others. As of October 5, GoV reports indicated that more than 21,000 houses had been destroyed.
- On October 5, IFRC noted that floodwaters are receding in almost all affected areas, except for lagoons and low-lying locations, some of which remain accessible only by boat.
- On October 2, IFRC launched an appeal for \$4.75 million 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 the Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC) for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. Funding also will support cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area. USAID/OFDA has also allocated an additional \$1.8 million for emergency grants to humanitarian organizations, to be awarded based on current assessments.

- 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 for temporary shelter, 3,360 hygiene kits, and 3,334 10-liter collapsible water containers. PNRC received the commodities, and plans to deliver the assistance to 20,000 flood-affected individuals.
- 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. Engineers and medical personnel are also on site. DoD is conducting daily missions in the Manila metropolitan area, including road clearance and transport of goods and food.
- 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 accordance with the Chargé's request, USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Apia to SRCS for the purchase and distribution of relief commodities.

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 provided \$100,000 through USAID/Vietnam to IFRC in support of relief operations of VRCS.
- USAID/OFDA has allocated an additional \$500,000 to support VRCS relief operations based on the IFRC emergency appeal. A USAID/OFDA regional advisor in Hanoi is liaising with USAID/Vietnam, U.S. Embassy staff, and humanitarian partners to determine additional humanitarian needs.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LAOS FOR TYPHOON KETSANA IN FY 2010

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
LRCS	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 5, 2009.

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

FY 2010			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Response to IOM Emergency Appeal	Affected Areas	\$150,000
U.N. World Food Program (WFP)	Response to WFP Special Operations Appeal	Affected Areas	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$650,000
DoD			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	To be determined
TOTAL DOD			To be determined
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010			\$650,000
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 Costs	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			\$404,496
FY 2009 AND FY 2010			
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2009 AND FY 2010			\$1,054,496
TOTAL DOD ASSISTANCE IN FY 2009 AND FY 2010			To be determined
TOTAL USG IN FY 2009 AND FY 2010			\$1,054,496

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 5, 2009.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SAMOA FOR TSUNAMI IN FY 2010

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
SRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SAMOA FOR TSUNAMI IN FY 2010			\$100,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 5, 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>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
IFRC ²	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$600,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM FOR TYPHOON KETSANA IN FY 2010			\$600,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 5, 2009.

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

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC FOR TSUNAMI AND STORMS IN FY 2009 AND FY 2010	\$1,804,496
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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.
- 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 – 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.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/