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Philippines – Tropical Storms

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 3, 2009.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On November 12, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton arrived in the Philippines for a two-day visit, during which the Secretary plans to hold consultations with senior Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) officials, highlighting important aspects of U.S.-Philippines bilateral relations, including disaster relief and recovery efforts, as well as the U.S.-Philippines treaty alliance.
- On November 12, Secretary Clinton announced U.S. Government (USG) plans to provide an additional \$5.2 million in disaster relief and recovery assistance to respond to recent tropical storms in the Philippines. The funding includes \$2 million through USAID/OFDA to support a five-month Oxfam-Great Britain (Oxfam/GB) disaster relief and early recovery program, comprising economy and market systems and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions, as well as the provision of emergency relief supplies for an estimated 92,500 storm-affected individuals in Laguna and Rizal provinces, central Luzon island. USAID/Philippines will program the remaining USG funding toward education, health, and disaster preparedness activities.
- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor and information officer participated in a November 12 USAID/OFDA-funded distribution of relief items—including hygiene kits, cooking supplies, and water containers—to 500 affected families, implemented by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the October 7 U.N. Flash Appeal requesting more than \$74 million for populations affected by Tropical Storm Ketsana (Ondoy) had received 36.2 percent of requested funding as of November 10.
- To date in FY 2010, the USG has planned or provided nearly \$16 million in assistance to affected individuals in the Philippines, including more than \$5.5 million through USAID/OFDA support to programs in economic recovery and market systems; humanitarian coordination and information management; and WASH, as well as the provision and distribution of emergency relief supplies.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	10,065,417	NDCC ¹ – November 12, 2009
Dead	948	NDCC – November 12, 2009
Injured	742	NDCC – November 12, 2009
Missing	87	NDCC – November 12, 2009
Evacuated or Displaced	135,106	NDCC – November 12, 2009
Infrastructure Damage	259,748 houses, as well as roads, bridges, schools, and agricultural land	NDCC – November 12, 2009

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....	\$5,517,724²
USAID/FFP³ Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms	\$1,200,000
DoD⁴ Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....	\$827,581
USDA⁵ Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....	\$8,400,000
Total USAID, DoD, and USDA Humanitarian Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms	\$15,945,305⁶

¹ GRP National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC)

² USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 12, 2009.

³ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁴ U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

⁵ U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

⁶ This amount does not include \$3.2 million of the \$5.2 million in USG assistance announced for the Philippines on November 12. USAID/Philippines will program the remaining funds based on needs in the education, health, and disaster preparedness sectors.

CURRENT SITUATION

- The U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) reported that approximately 1.1 million individuals continued to reside in flooded areas in the National Capital Region (NCR) and surrounding Laguna and Rizal provinces as of November 5.
- According to OCHA, the U.N. plans to release a revised flash appeal during the week of November 16 that will account for changes in humanitarian conditions in the Philippines following typhoons Parma (Pepeng) and Mirinae (Santi).
- During the week of November 9, a U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) hydraulics specialist confirmed earlier reports that few short-term drainage solutions exist for reducing standing floodwaters in NCR and Laguna and Rizal provinces bordering Laguna de Bay Lake other than natural drainage during the next three to six months.
- According to GRP reports, as of November 11, ten provinces and two cities had submitted disaster mitigation plans to the NDCC in the aftermath of the storms. The plans include several proposed actions aimed at mitigating the impact of future storms, including clearing blocked waterways, reinforcing or rehabilitating dikes, and relocating informal settlers residing in flood-prone areas.

WASH

- According to OCHA, ongoing humanitarian priorities include access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and provision of hygiene items in relocation sites and flood-affected areas. OCHA also listed solid waste collection, vermin control, and rehabilitation and improvement of drainage systems as significant concerns.
- Manila Water, through Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems, is providing water to evacuation centers and plans to continue transporting water to San Pedro municipality, Laguna Province, through at least November 15. Manila Water also plans to continue providing desludging services to evacuation centers, according to OCHA.
- Results from a November 1 joint rapid needs assessment in the Mirinae-affected Santa Cruz municipality, Laguna Province, indicate that people who remained in their homes or relocated to unofficial settlements lack access to safe drinking water and latrines. The assessment identified distribution of water containers, water quality testing, and improved access to safe drinking water as priority needs in Santa Cruz.
- With USAID/OFDA funding, Oxfam/GB plans to support WASH activities, including evacuation center cleanups, hygiene promotion, household water treatment, distribution of water vouchers, and bathing shelter and latrine construction for approximately 38,000 storm-affected individuals during the next five months. USAID/OFDA also has supported WASH interventions through Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US).

Health

- On November 10, WHO reported that more than 3,100 people nationwide had contracted leptospirosis—a bacterial infection caused by exposure to water contaminated with animal urine—in the weeks following Tropical Storm Ketsana and typhoons Parma and Mirinae. According to WHO, 73 percent of reported cases originated in NCR, and leptospirosis had killed an estimated 240 people as of November 10.
- The GRP Department of Health (DoH) and local government units have developed a strategy for leptospirosis prevention, control, and treatment. As of November 10, DoH and humanitarian partners had distributed leptospirosis prophylaxis to nearly 335,000 people in NCR and Region IV-A, southern Luzon island. DoH also obtained agreements from private hospitals to admit patients that government hospitals cannot accommodate, although U.N. Health Cluster members noted on November 9 that some hospitals continue to charge for treatment.
- The joint rapid needs assessment of Santa Cruz municipality following Typhoon Mirinae indicated that many local health stations have been destroyed or remain submerged in water. Results from a WHO post-Mirinae assessment of Santa Rosa and Binan municipalities, Laguna Province, indicate that mobile health teams had visited 22 of 31 WHO-assessed evacuation centers. Nineteen of those centers had received hygiene kit distribution, and 8 centers had medicine to treat chronic conditions.
- WHO reported that a Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network team has been conducting assessments in high-risk areas and hospitals in Region I, NCR, and Laguna Province. WHO expects the team to release findings on November 13.

Economic Recovery and Market Systems

- The GRP Department of Social Welfare and Development reported that local governments had hired more than 1,800 affected residents for short-term cash-for-work or food-for-work projects as of October 30. Employment opportunities include dredging waterways, rehabilitating buildings, and clearing debris in evacuation centers and affected communities.
- With USAID/OFDA support, Oxfam/GB plans to provide assistance for economic asset restoration and renewed livelihoods for 20,500 beneficiaries during the next five months.

Logistics and Relief Commodities

- Between November 5 and 7, U.N. Logistics Cluster staff and GRP representatives conducted aerial assessments of areas in northern Luzon that remain inaccessible due to damaged bridges and landslides. The team reported that populations in northern Luzon require additional humanitarian assistance, particularly in Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Kalinga, and Mountain provinces in Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). As a result, the cluster will continue U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) helicopter missions—previously scheduled to conclude November 14—through the end of November.
- The U.N. Logistics Cluster plans to establish three advance staging areas, including mobile warehouses, in Laoag and San Fernando cities in Region I and Baguio city in CAR.
- As of October 4, UNHAS helicopters had completed 183 flight rotations, delivering nearly 198 metric tons (MT) of food and 6.3 MT of relief commodities, as well as assessment and medical teams, to areas in northern, central, and southern Luzon inaccessible by road.
- With USAID/OFDA assistance, Oxfam/GB plans to provide and transport hygiene kits, family-support kits, hand-washing kits, latrine-cleaning kits, and soap to an estimated 92,500 affected individuals during the next five months. Oxfam/GB is the most recent of nine partners that have provided logistic and relief commodity support to storm-affected families with USAID/OFDA funding.

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 Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. Funding also supported cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area.
- In the weeks following the tropical storms, USAID/OFDA deployed a regional advisor, field officer, and WASH advisor to coordinate the USG response. On October 26, a USAID/OFDA regional advisor redeployed to the Philippines to assess flood impacts, facilitate USG assistance, and monitor the impact of Typhoon Mirinae, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Manila and USAID/Philippines. A USAID/OFDA information officer deployed to the Philippines on October 31.
- On October 2 and 13, in coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Manila and GRP authorities, USAID/OFDA arranged two charter flights that delivered emergency relief items, including 340 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, 50,060 bars of soap, 23,424 hygiene kits, and 23,734 ten-liter collapsible water containers. PNRC received the commodities from the October 2 flight for delivery to 20,000 flood-affected individuals, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) received the October 13 items for distribution to approximately 24,000 families.
- On November 12, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton announced USG plans to provide an additional \$5.2 million in disaster relief and recovery assistance to the Philippines, including \$2 million through USAID/OFDA.
- To date in FY 2010, USAID/OFDA has provided or planned more than \$5.5 million to assist individuals affected by tropical storms in the Philippines. The assistance includes the procurement, transport, and distribution of emergency relief commodities; funding for economic recovery and market systems, humanitarian coordination, and WASH programs; and non-grant funding for airlifts of relief items and administrative costs.
- In FY 2010 to date, USAID/FFP has provided 720 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, valued at \$1.2 million, to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP).
- On October 26, USDA announced the provision of approximately 7,680 MT of food assistance, valued at \$8.4 million, through the Food for Progress program in cooperation with the GRP Department of Agriculture. The 60-day supply will benefit an estimated 438,000 affected individuals.
- In the early stages of the disaster response, DoD Pacific Command provided equipment, transport, and logistics support, including 10 helicopters and 6 Zodiac boats for search-and-rescue efforts, to aid storm-affected individuals.
- From October 2 to 13, DoD assistance included a delivery flight of emergency relief supplies to Batanes Province, northern Philippines, and transport of food and relief supplies to affected areas by road and helicopter. DoD medical teams screened 8,850 medical patients and 357 dental patients; DoD flights transported 262 passengers and moved 114,880 pounds of cargo; and DoD engineers conducted 12 assessments, removed 1,385 cubic meters of debris, and cleared 2,650 meters of road.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORMS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ADRA	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Metro Manila and Laguna Province	\$395,014
American Red Cross Society (AmRC)	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Metro Manila; Rizal, Laguna, and Zambales Provinces; Marikina, Taguig, and Quezon Cities	\$500,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Bulacan and Rizal Provinces	\$248,081
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Luzon Island	\$150,000
Oxfam/GB	Economics and Market Systems, Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation, WASH	Laguna and Rizal Provinces	\$2,000,000
SC/US	WASH	Caloocan, Muntinlupa, Laguna, and Taguig Cities	\$300,000
Samaritan's Purse	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Laguna Province	\$222,953
USAID/OFDA Airlift	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Laguna and Pangasinan Provinces; Muntinlupa City	\$520,205
WFP	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Luzon Island	\$1,000,000
World Vision/U.S.	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Luzon Island	\$175,947
	Administrative Costs	Luzon Island	\$5,524
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$5,517,724
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	720 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$1,200,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$1,200,000
DOD ASSISTANCE			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Luzon Island	\$827,581
TOTAL DOD			\$827,581
USDA ASSISTANCE			
GRP	7,680 MT of Food for Progress Assistance	Affected Areas	\$8,400,000
TOTAL USDA			\$8,400,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FY 2010			\$15,945,305

¹USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 12, 2009.²Estimated value of food assistance.

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