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Philippines – Tropical Storms

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October 9, 2009

Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 7, 2009.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GoRP) National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), Tropical Storm Ketsana (Ondoy) and Typhoon Parma (Pepeng) have affected more than 5.1 million people, leaving 365 dead, nearly 330,000 people displaced in shelters, and more than 62,100 houses damaged or destroyed as of October 9.
- On October 8, USAID/OFDA announced the allocation of an additional \$2 million to meet humanitarian needs in the Philippines, increasing USAID/OFDA total FY 2010 allocation for emergency grants to \$3.8 million. The funding will be programmed based on ongoing needs assessments.
- On October 8, heavy rains filled Pantabagan, Neuva Ecija, and San Roque dam basins in Pangasinan Province, western Luzon island, which the GoRP then drained to prevent dam breakage. The released water exacerbated local flooding, potentially affecting 2 million people, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The Armed Forces of the Philippines subsequently began response activities to address humanitarian needs of affected communities. The Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC) reported three dike collapses and damage to 10 others in north and central Luzon island on October 9.
- On October 9, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) began assisting with relief efforts in northwest Luzon island, including search and rescue missions in areas affected by water released from dams, in accordance with a NDCC request. A USAID/OFDA field officer deployed to the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Luzon to coordinate with DoD and GoRP response efforts.
- On October 8, a USAID/OFDA regional advisor deployed to the Philippines participated in a site visit to an evacuation center. The regional advisor reported that water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) remains the highest humanitarian priority at this and other evacuation sites.
- On October 8, USAID/OFDA announced plans to provide \$500,000 to the American Red Cross (AmRC) under the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies appeal for relief activities to be implemented in collaboration with PNRC.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Total Affected Population	5,172,983	NDCC - October 9, 2009
Dead	365	NDCC - October 9, 2009
Injured	379	NDCC - October 9, 2009
Missing	76	NDCC - October 9, 2009
Evacuated or Displaced	329,583	NDCC - October 9, 2009
Infrastructure Damage	62,169 houses as well as roads, bridges, schools, and agricultural land	NDCC - October 9, 2009

FY 2009 AND FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....\$1,554,496¹
DoD Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....\$560,001
Total USG² Humanitarian Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....\$2,114,497

CURRENT SITUATION

- In the four days since Tropical Storm Parma's second landfall on Luzon island on October 6, the weather system has caused heavy rainfall, resulting in widespread flooding in northern provinces. On October 9, DoD reported floods

¹ This amount includes \$1.15 million of USAID/OFDA's FY 2010 allocation of \$3.8 million for emergency grants to date.

² U.S. Government (USG)

throughout more than 60 percent of Pangasinan Province, where GoRP has evacuated approximately 30,000 people. However, others remain in affected areas due to impassable roads.

- As of October 9 at 1100 hours Eastern Daylight Time, the center of Tropical Storm Parma was located approximately 460 miles southeast of Hong Kong and expected to strengthen as it departs from Luzon and moves over the South China Sea, according to the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Beginning in late September, Luzon has received between two and four times the average seasonal rainfall. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration, widespread rains and wind gusts through October 10 may trigger flash floods and landslides in north and central Luzon.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) plans to conduct an assessment of Parma's impact in northern Luzon. The NDCC has requested that all humanitarian organizations coordinate assessments through NDCC.
- GoRP and humanitarian organizations predict a protracted recovery process due in part to the expected weeks remaining before floodwaters fully recede from affected areas. On October 7, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority projected that complete removal of debris from the capital would take at least two months.

WASH

- On October 6, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) reported the potential for the spread of disease due to damage to water and sanitation systems.
- NDCC has established separate water and WASH clusters to coordinate humanitarian response. The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewage System leads the water cluster and is responsible for water supply, sanitation, and distribution of emergency relief supplies. The GoRP Department of Health (DoH) heads the WASH cluster, which oversees overall WASH emergency policies. A U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) solid waste specialist is assisting the GoRP with flood cleanup efforts.
- As of October 7, the DoH had distributed 191 portable toilets to Manila and surrounding areas and is distributing water disinfectant materials. The DoH also deployed nine WASH teams to test water quality in strategic sites, including evacuation centers.

Health

- On October 8, the DoH stated that critical health needs include providing emergency transportation to areas with limited access to health services, implementing case-based surveillance for communicable diseases, and increasing safe water supply to evacuation centers.
- On October 8, the GoRP secretary of health ordered a five-day measles immunization campaign for children between 9 and 59 months old in affected areas. According to OCHA and DoH officials, the risk of communicable diseases remains high and health officials continue to treat cases of respiratory infections, fever, skin disease, infected wounds, and diarrhea in affected areas.
- As of October 8, the DoH had deployed staff, including 139 medical teams, 12 psychosocial teams, 6 WASH teams, 11 assessment and surveillance teams, 27 public health teams, and 2 nutrition teams, to approximately 100 affected sites.
- According to NDCC, the DoH, WHO, and UNICEF are mobilizing breastfeeding support groups, peer counseling, and breast milk banking for affected populations.

Food Security and Emergency Food Assistance

- On October 8, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) announced the arrival of seven inflatable boats to the Philippines to provide food assistance to people in areas where roads remain impassable due to flooding. Two WFP helicopters for food delivery are scheduled to arrive in the Philippines on October 9.
- NDCC continues the delivery of sacks of rice to affected populations. PNRC has delivered food items to 41,664 families as of October 9.

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 PNRC for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. Funding also will support cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area.
- On October 8, USAID/OFDA increased its allocation to \$3.8 million for emergency grants to humanitarian assistance organizations, including \$500,000 to WFP to support special relief operations, under a joint U.N. flash appeal, \$500,000 to AmRC, \$150,000 to IOM, and \$100,000 provided to the PNRC. The remaining funding will be programmed based on ongoing assessments.
- On October 2, in coordination with U.S. Embassy and GoRP authorities, a USAID/OFDA charter flight delivered emergency relief items, including 340 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, 3,360 hygiene kits, and 3,334 10-

liter collapsible water containers. The PNRG received the commodities and plans to deliver the assistance to 20,000 flood-affected individuals.

- 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.
- 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. Engineers and medical personnel were also onsite. DoD has been conducting daily missions in the Manila metropolitan area, including road clearance and transport of goods and food, as requested by the GoRP and in coordination with USAID/OFDA and the U.S. Embassy in Manila. On October 9, DoD launched search and rescue missions in northern and central provinces affected by water released from dams. A USAID/OFDA field officer deployed to the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Luzon.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORMS

FY 2010			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
AmRC	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$500,000
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$150,000
WFP	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$1,150,000
DOD			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$560,001
TOTAL DOD			\$560,001
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010			\$1,710,001
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			\$404,496
FY 2009 AND FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE			
USAID/OFDA			\$1,554,496
DOD			\$560,001
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORMS			\$2,114,497

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 9, 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