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Philippines – Tropical Storms

Fact Sheet #3, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

October 7, 2009

Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 5, 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), affected more than 4.7 million people, leaving 314 dead, nearly 362,000 people displaced in shelters, and more than 47,100 houses damaged or destroyed as of October 7.
- On October 6, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) delivered relief supplies via helicopter to Talim Island, located in Lake Laguna on Luzon island, at the request of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). In addition, at the request of the AFP and in coordination with the U.S. Embassy and USAID/OFDA, DoD continues to provide daily missions to transport needed commodities, clear debris, and provide medical assistance to affected populations.
- On October 6, the U.N. issued a flash appeal requesting more than \$74 million in support of GoRP, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and U.N. operations in the Philippines. According to the U.N., the six-month operation plans to assist 1 million flood-affected individuals in the Manila area with food, health, shelter, camp coordination and camp management, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities. On October 7, GoRP authorities, U.N. officials, and international donors met in Manila to discuss the flash appeal and potential activities.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	4,701,443	NDCC - October 7, 2009
Dead	314	NDCC - October 7, 2009
Injured	18	NDCC - October 7, 2009
Missing	41	NDCC - October 7, 2009
Evacuated or Displaced	361,774	NDCC - October 7, 2009
Infrastructure Damage	47,171 houses as well as roads, bridges, schools, and agricultural land	NDCC - October 7, 2009

FY 2009 AND FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....\$1,054,496¹
DoD Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....\$480,400
Total USG² Humanitarian Assistance for Philippines Tropical Storms.....\$1,534,896

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of October 7 at 1100 hours Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), the center of Tropical Storm Parma was located approximately 259 miles north-northeast of Manila and expected to weaken as it moves over northern Luzon island, according to the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Beginning in late September, Luzon has received between two and four times its normal rainfall. According to Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, rainfall forecasts indicate that heavy rains will continue in northern and western Luzon through October 8. Heavy rains in the area may prolong current flood conditions and lead to additional flooding.
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), food and WASH activities remain the highest priorities and GoRP, U.N., and non-governmental organizations (NGO) assessments of the affected area remain ongoing. The NDCC has requested that all humanitarian organizations coordinate assessments through the NDCC.
- On October 5, a joint team including staff from the GoRP Regional Disaster Coordination Council, GoRP Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination

¹ This amount includes \$650,000 of USAID/OFDA's allocation of \$1.9 million for emergency grants.

² U.S. Government (USG)

(UNDAC) team, and additional humanitarian staff conducted aerial surveys of the most affected areas in Cagayan Province, revealing significant agricultural damage to the northern portion of the province. Additional rapid needs assessments of the area were scheduled for October 6.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- On October 2, the GoRP NDCC announced the formation of a water cluster to coordinate humanitarian response and provide water to the response operation. According to the NDCC memorandum, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewage System will lead the cluster, provide drinking water, clean-up, sanitation, and other activities while working in coordination with the existing U.N. WASH Cluster. A meeting between GoRP officials, water and WASH cluster participants, and implementing partners was scheduled for October 7.

Health

- As of October 6, the GoRP Department of Health (DoH) reported difficulty accessing 15,775 families in 40 *barangays* (administrative units) and noted approximately \$17.4 million in damage to health facilities, with the number expected to increase pending reports from additional regions.
- According to OCHA and GoRP 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 the affected area.
- As of October 6, the GoRP DoH had deployed staff to 99 affected sites including 119 medical teams, 11 psychosocial teams, 6 WASH teams, 12 assessment and surveillance teams, 3 public health teams, and 5 nutrition teams.

Food Security and Emergency Food Assistance

- According to OCHA, Typhoon Parma damaged a significant portion of the agricultural sector in Isabela Province when the storm made landfall on October 3. The GoRP Department of Agriculture reports increased concern regarding local food security as the province produces the majority of the country's corn and is the second-largest producer of rice.
- As of October 7, the GoRP NDCC has dispatched 30,150 sacks of rice to storms-affected areas.
- On October 6, the GoRP DSWD requested that the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) coordinate the establishment of a single food aid pipeline as an integral part of a GoRP-led effort, according to OCHA.
- WFP continues to work with NGOs assessing food needs of the population in advance of launching a WFP three-month special operation targeting 1 million vulnerable individuals. As of October 6, OCHA reported that a revised food assessment questionnaire was completed and will be distributed to NGOs and the UNDAC team in coming days.
- In addition, WFP plans to purchase a second tranche of approximately 4,800 metric tons (MT) of rice from the GoRP National Food Authority and also plans to purchase an additional 7,000 MT pending additional donor contributions, according to OCHA.
- As of October 6, authorities had dispatched 79 MT of rice and 35 MT of high-energy biscuits to Pateros Municipality in metro Manila for a planned October 8 distribution. OCHA reports that approximately 4,500 families in the Pateros area have not yet received assistance, due to accessibility challenges.
- According to OCHA, WFP is conducting 24-hour re-bagging services to repackage rice supplies into 3 kg portions that can be transported by boat for GoRP DSWD distributions to affected populations.

Emergency Shelter and Relief Commodities

- According to OCHA, initial reports indicate that overall damage to housing was less than expected, with damage focused more heavily on agricultural assets, although humanitarian staff and GoRP officials continue to assess the effects of Typhoon Parma.
- On October 6, OCHA reported that significant shelter needs continue to arise in metro Manila, due to the remaining effects of Tropical Storm Ketsana. In addition, GoRP officials report that many evacuation centers are closing and returning populations will require rehabilitation assistance to repair damaged or destroyed houses.

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 Philippines National Red Cross Society (PNRC) for the local purchase and delivery of emergency relief supplies. Funding also will support cleanup efforts focused in the Manila metropolitan area. Since late September, USAID/OFDA has allocated an additional \$1.8 million for emergency grants to humanitarian organizations, to be awarded based on current assessments. On October 6, U.S. Ambassador Kristie A. Kenney issued a disaster re-declaration for FY 2010 due to the continued need for USG assistance for Tropical Storm Ketsana.

- 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. The PNRC received the commodities, and plans to deliver the assistance to 20,000 flood-affected individuals.
- In the early stages of the disaster response, 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 were also onsite. DoD is 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 5, USAID/OFDA increased its allocation to \$1.9 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, and \$150,000 to IOM, and \$100,000 provided to the PNRC. The remaining funding will be programmed based on ongoing assessments.
- On October 5, the DoD accompanied by a USAID/OFDA field officer conducted an aerial assessment of Lake Laguna and subsequently, the U.S. DoD delivered relief supplies to Talim Island, located in Lake Laguna, at the request of the AFP on October 6. In addition, in coordination with the AFP, DoD continues to provide daily missions to transport needed commodities, clear debris, and provide medical assistance to affected populations.
- 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.

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			
IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$150,000
WFP	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$650,000
DOD			
DoD	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics and Transportation	Affected Areas	\$480,400
TOTAL DOD			\$480,400
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010			\$1,130,400
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			\$1,054,496
DOD			\$480,400
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORMS			\$1,534,896

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 7, 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

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