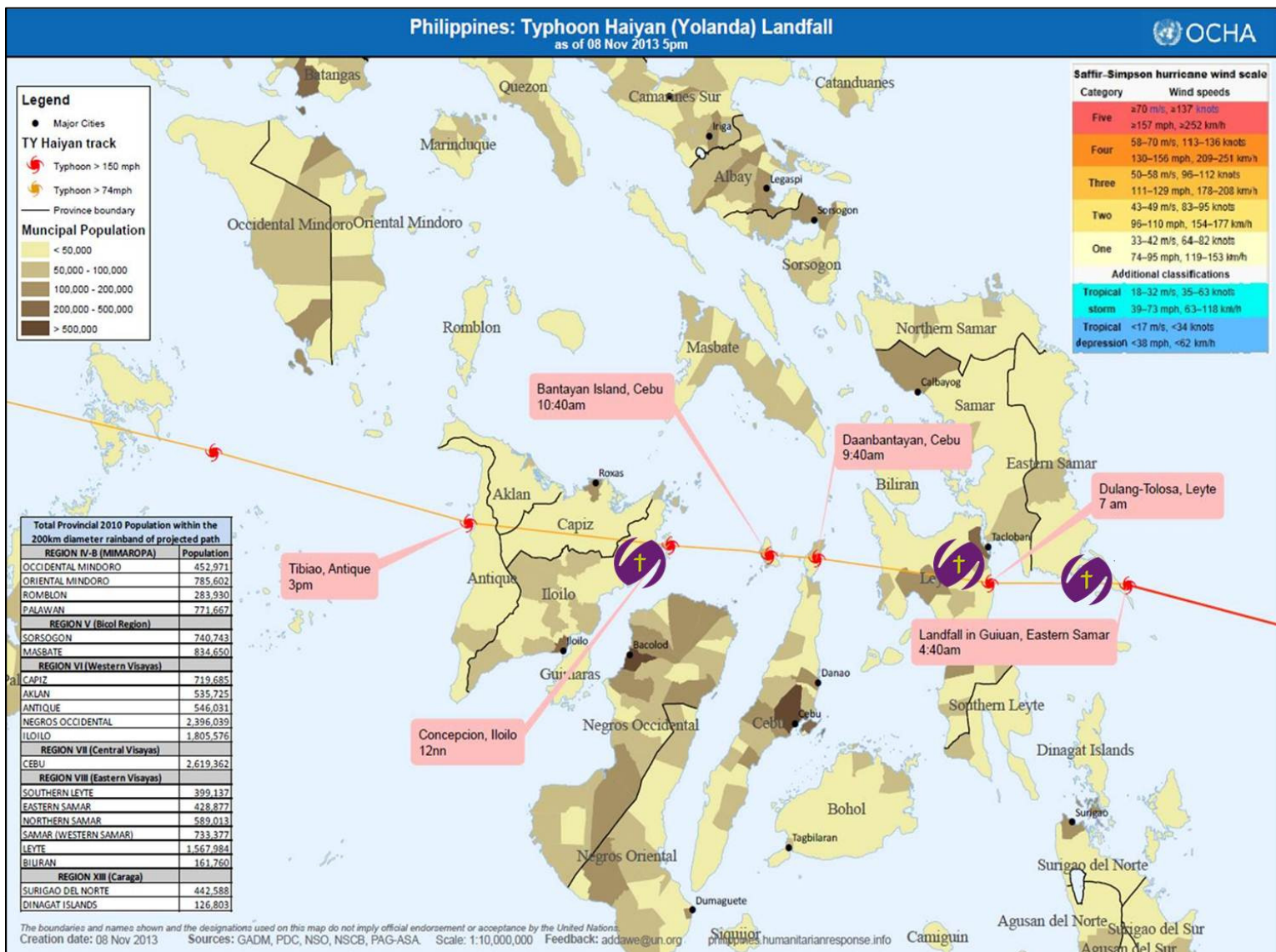


# World Renew Typhoon Haiyan Response, Philippines Key Messages

## Locations of World Renew's Response

- **Samar island:** Guiuan municipality, Eastern Samar province
- **Panay island:** Estancia municipality of Iloilo province, Ma-ayon and Calinog municipalities of Capiz province
- **Leyte island:** Tacloban and Dulag municipalities, Leyte province



## Context

On Friday, November 8, 2013 the central Philippines was battered by typhoon Haiyan. While the Philippines experiences 20 to 25 typhoons each year, Typhoon Haiyan was stronger and caused more extensive damage than any other storm in the world this year. Experts predict that this could be the most damaging storm of the past century. Haiyan generated waves of up to five meters (16 feet) high that surged inland like a tsunami, destroying nearly everything in their path.

Fortunately, due to disaster preparedness training, the loss of life was not as great as it could have been. Early warning systems alerted the government of the Philippines to the storm's track and potential damage. 720,000 people were evacuated from their homes in advance of the storm. In addition, national and local governments pre-positioned food packs, water and rescue operations.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (UNOCHA), as of January 28, 2014:

- An estimated 14.1 million people are affected by Typhoon Haiyan, in nine regions
- There have been over 6,190 deaths and over 1,785 people are still missing
- Over 4.1 million people are displaced.
- Over 1.1 million houses are damaged and 490,000 are completely destroyed
- Across the affected areas, rural farming and fishing communities need immediate support to develop their livelihoods.
- About 1,400 temporary shelters (20 % of total) had to be repaired in Guiuan municipality of Eastern Samar island, due to the two-week long Tropical Depression Agaton
- A 4.8 magnitude earthquake struck Leyte island. There are no reports of casualties.
- IDPs in Tacloban city (Leyte island) moved from evacuation centres to bunkhouses in late January

## A Few Recent Developments

- Since the operation began, WFP has reached 2.8 million individuals (excluding double counting), almost 114,000 beneficiaries with nutrition interventions and over 465,000 beneficiaries using cash distribution.
- Other cluster partners have reached over 2 million beneficiaries with a mix of food and cash assistance
- About 44,000 affected rice farmers have received rice seeds to plant in December and January
- According to WFP, blanket supplementary feeding has reached over 82,000 children age 6-59 months
- This week, 46 municipalities held child-protection activities: 169 child-friendly spaces welcomed 46,489 children;



- To date, 474,144 households have received emergency shelter materials. Support for shelter self-recovery for 78,452 households has been distributed or is ongoing.

## World Renew's Response

### Urgent Needs Post-Disaster (according to UNOCHA's November 28 Multi-Sector Assessment)

- 1) Ongoing food assistance and access to water for all affected communities
- 2) Urgent and extensive shelter requirements
- 3) Recovery of livelihoods, including farming, fishing and the service industry
- 4) Restoration of water, sanitation, health, education, protective and other community services, and management of displacement

### How World Renew is Responding

- **First Phase:** World Renew has provided urgently-needed food, water, water filters, temporary shelter and essential non-food items including hygiene kits to affected people
  - World Renew assisted 4,000 households (1,000 families in Panay, 1,000 families in Samar and 2,000 families in Leyte islands).
- **Second Phase** (December 2013 to February 2014): World Renew is providing the following -
  - Generators to communities
  - Temporary shelters including tents and tarps
  - Kitchen kits (cooking utensils, dishes, candles, matches)
  - Hygiene items
  - Mosquito nets
  - Sleeping mats
  - Single-burner stoves and tanks
  - Cash-for-work community cleanup activities,
  - Trauma counseling (early and later support to address delayed trauma)
- **Third Phase** (February 2014 and on): World Renew is planning to provide fishing boats for livelihoods in coastal school supplies for children, continued psycho-social support programs and permanent shelter.
- **Fourth Phase** - time TBD: Safe and secure permanent shelter.
- World Renew has sent three groups of IRMs to the Philippines to coordinate this response:
  - Harry and Annie Bergshoeff (Mississauga, Ontario) are based on Leyte island from November to late February. John and Hilda Van Gyssel will take over the assignment and will be there mid-February until late June.
  - Bernie Schaaf (Tinley Park, Illinois) left November 29 and is based on Samar island. Dwayne Nienhuis will take over the assignment and will be there from mid-February until late April.
  - Harry and Greta Harsevoort (Hamilton, Ontario) are based on Panay island from December to March. Ron and Lauris Fuller will take over the assignment and will be there from early March until late June.



### **World Renew's Partners in the Philippines**

- The Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines (CRCP), which has a well-organized Disaster Response Team that has benefited from training by World Renew in the past
- World Renew is coordinating its efforts with the Integral Alliance, a global network of 19 Christian relief & development organizations

### **Length of Response**

World Renew will provide emergency assistance as listed above for the first approximately three months. In the following three months we will transition from this relief phase to longer-term recovery and rehabilitation, for approximately two years.

### **Your Donations**

- After the first phase of emergency disaster response, funds will be used to engage in community-driven longer-term recovery initiatives. 90% of donations go to project work and 10% goes to World Renew administrative support

## Please Pray

- for the survivors as they grieve the loss of their family and community members and are suffering in the aftermath of the disaster
- for World Renew and its partner CRCP and the CRCP Classes at each response phase
- for wisdom as World Renew begins to respond to longer term needs
- for the members of the Integral Alliance, and all organizations responding to Typhoon Haiyan

## Please support World Renew's Response in the Philippines

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