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PHILIPPINES
SITUATION REPORT 19 – DECEMBER 19th, 2013

14.1 Million
People Affected

4.1 Million
People Displaced

1.1 Million
Damaged Houses

6,069
People Reported Dead

1,179
People Missing

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Newly build houses from ICAN Shelter Kit in San Jose, Dulag (Leyte)
Credit CWS/DCA/ACT

OVERALL SITUATION
Source: ACT Alliance & UNOCHA

4.1 million people remain displaced from their homes, of whom nearly 102,000 are living in evacuation centres, 2.5 million people remain in need of life-saving food assistance

• Rebuilding home. More than 1.1 million houses were damaged; of these approximately 550,000 were completely destroyed. Many people have begun to attempt to rebuild their homes, repair schools and public infrastructure but there are significant shortages of building materials, particularly corrugated iron (CGI) sheeting. Additionally, the lack of electricity and services makes it extremely difficult to normalize life.

• Food relief remains critical for some communities, especially in outlying islands and remote areas, where needs have not been adequately identified and relief is inadequate. Based on government directives, food supply will continue for up to 2 months, but many agencies have not planned for continued food relief for this length of time.

• Housing, land and property issues are an increasing concern. The no-build zone that has been identified by the Government recommends a 40m buffer (no-build) zone from the average high tide mark. The process of identifying suitable resettlement areas is slow. In many places people, especially informal settlers are rebuilding temporary shelter beside their destroyed homes in attempts to defend their land positions. There are concerns in some areas (particularly around Ormoc) that land-clearing programs will ultimately benefit large landowners and not poor farm workers. There are real dangers that people will be forced to undergo multiple relocations before...
they find a permanent location, which will add further burden to the people.

- **Livelihoods** have been massively destroyed, especially the agricultural sector. An estimated 54 per cent of coconut tree plantations were damaged or destroyed. Many of the affected communities relied on small-scale fishing. This sector has been among the worst affected, with the loss of boats, equipment, marketing and processing infrastructure. There are concerns that assistance to fisher folk is only being directed to registered boat owners, however many fisher folk were operating at subsistence level with unregistered boats.

- **Health** infrastructure is still incapable to respond to the population needs. Reports of diarrhea have increased, highlighting the need for better surveillance of communicable diseases in case of outbreaks. The further departure of some international medical teams may increase people vulnerability.

### QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY SUPPORT

In cooperation with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), CWS implemented a quality and accountability (Q&A) training with various agencies including INGOs, NGOs, UN and donors that are playing an active role in disaster response and early recovery in the Philippines.

Given the scale of the disaster and the resultant humanitarian response, the needs for promoting Q&A in the context of the core humanitarian standards are ever greater. Through such Q&A deployment, CWS is supporting LWR in its role as Sphere Country Focal Point and chair of the Alliance of Sphere Advocates in the Philippines (ASAP). The goal of the project is to promote Q&A during the relief and recovery efforts. The deployment will also aim at meeting wider humanitarian Q&A needs including support to LWR/CWS partners and ACT Alliance members. The project has been planned for a period of 6 months, and began on 25 November 2013.

Currently there are 15 ASAP members, chaired by LWR. The members are: Centre for Empowerment and Resource Development (CERD), Child Fund, Community Organizers Multiversity, Corporate Network for Disaster Response, Habitat for Humanity Philippines, International Institute of Rural Construction, KAPWAUpliftment Foundation, Inc., Kasilak Development Foundation, Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Mahintana Foundation Inc. (MFI), PhilDHRRA, Plan International, SILDAP, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), World Vision Development Foundation, Inc.

Individual contacts and consultations were made with two ASAP members to identify their specific Q&A needs. Among others the needs are key documents such as proposals were reviewed to ensure accountability is a standard feature of the proposals.
MOBILIZING LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES
Since 2010 LWR has been active in building capacity of national agencies in Sphere and HAP with technical assistance from CWS. With an aim to mobilize local and regional resources, former Sphere Training of Trainers (ToT) graduates and regional Sphere trainers have been contacted and hired to voluntarily be part of a Q&A resource pool. ToRs are being developed for this resource pool so that the expectations are clear.

NEEDS BASED Q&A ORIENTATIONS
Three half-day needs based Q&A orientations focusing on needs assessment, relief packages design and complaint response mechanism were conducted on the 9, 10 and 11 of December 2013 in Cebu. Each orientation was a stand-alone topic and agencies could attend either or all of the days depending on their needs and availability. The needs were identified through various reports that highlighted Q&A gaps and discussions with ASAP members. These orientations aimed at primarily building capacity of the NGOs operating in the Philippines.

Participating agencies were Child Fund, Habitat for Humanity Philippines, JPIC-IDC, LWR, MFI, Pagtambayayong Foundation, PhilDHRRA, Plan International, RAFI, World Vision.

The session on relief packages revealed that all agencies were either unaware of the nutritional values or unsure if they met the indicators of the Sphere minimum standard food package they provided during the emergency response. Participants acknowledged the gap in not knowing the minimum standard required for relief packages and the implications of this i.e. varied food packages. Complaint and Response Mechanism (CRM) was found a new concept by many agencies although a few such as World Vision and Plan International have established CRMs. Some of the actions committed by the agencies include setting up of CRM, rolling out of Q&A orientations and revision of checklists and relief packages in consultation with their respective management. Immediate outcomes include follow up meeting with some of the agencies in preparation for setting up CRM and rolling out of Q&A orientations within their respective agencies and partners.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPHERE AND HAP HANDBOOKS
Participants of the orientations were provided with one copy of Sphere Handbook and one copy of HAP Standard each. Additional copies were also provided to agencies upon request. During the period of reporting, 47 Sphere Handbooks and 18 HAP Standard were distributed to agencies. Agencies requested to distribute the Handbooks to their field offices, for their M&E team and their response team.

LINKING WITH OTHER ACTORS
Link was made with Barb Wigley, Interagency Coordinator, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) & Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), OCHA Philippines. Summary of reports released by Interagency Coordinator and tools such as beneficiary consultation questionnaires were further disseminated and shared with ASAP members and its partner agencies. Agencies found the information useful and relevant to their on-going work. Link was also made with OCHA office based in Tacloban to present an overview of Q&A (HAP and Sphere) to the NGOs working in the region. NGOs found the tools appropriate and relevant however a detailed orientation will be more helpful in ensuring NGOs are more tuned to standards.

Q&A TECHNICAL INPUT TO AGENCIES
Individual consultations with ASAP members began during the reporting period. Proposals were reviewed to ensure Q&A components are integrated and budgeted for. ASAP members have also requested for developing Q&A framework and related policies. Consultations on establishing CRMs with four ASAP members including LWR, PhilDHRRA, RAFI and Habitat for Humanity have begun.

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