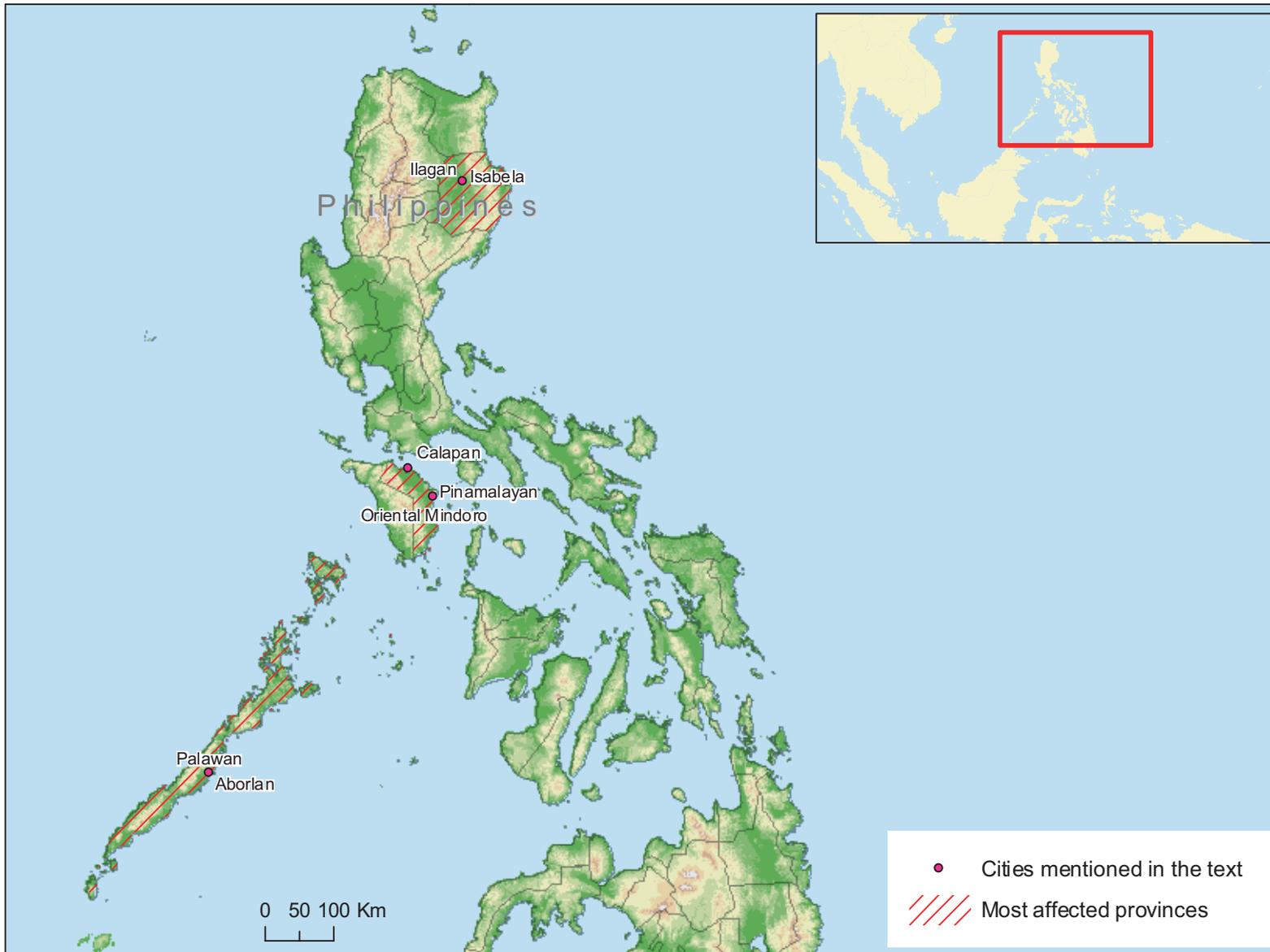




Philippines: Landslides and floods



Severe monsoon rains have affected the provinces of Mindoro Oriental, Isabela (capital city Ilagan) and Palawan. Ensuing floods and landslides have killed five people and injured three to date.

Mindoro Oriental has been the worst hit, with 14,247 families or 85,446 people affected in one city (Calapan city) and four towns. In Isabela and Palawan, 27 barangays (villages) in eight municipalities have been inundated, and recent floods have increased the number of affected to 633 families or 3,978 people.

Minor cases of common medical emergencies such as diarrhea, colds, coughs and fever are being reported in the town of Aborlan, Palawan.

The Philippines National Red Cross (PNRC) Mindoro Oriental chapter has deployed three assessment teams while the Palawan and Isabela (Ilagan city) chapters have deployed three disaster response teams (DRT), assisted by a national headquarters DRT.

The PNRC Mindoro Oriental chapter, assisted by the headquarters team, has served a total of 4,643 families comprising of 27,045 persons with food relief and 138 people in the Pinamalayan municipality with medical aid. A total of 118 families comprising of 580 persons were provided with food assistance in Ilagan.

To support teams from the chapter, barangay disaster action teams (BDAT) have been further mobilized in affected areas. Volunteers and Red Cross youth have also been assisting the operations.