

ALERT**FLOODS****actalliance**

Phillippines

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SITUATION

On the morning of Saturday the 11 August 2018, the region of Ilocos, Cordillera, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimropa, and Metro Manila (NCR) in the Philippines, was massively flooded due to incessant rains brought by the southwest monsoon enhanced by Typhoon Yagi (local name Karding) with maximum sustained winds of 75 km/h near the center and gusts of up to 90 km/h. As of August 12 at 4:00 PM, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has reported 532,066 families or 2,231,101 persons affected in 1,835 barangays. Of which, a total of 88,131 families or 382,996 persons are being served inside and outside the evacuation centers. Orange and Red Alerts, indicating 15mm-30mm rainfall, were issued intermittently over NCR, Calabarzon and Central Luzon. As a result of heightened alerts in 24 hours, about 978 areas in the aforementioned regions have been submerged by floods, with some areas reaching up to 20 feet high, inundating houses, vehicles, and roads; of which, floodwaters in 778 areas have already subsided. At least 4 dams opened its gates to release water, and 3 major rivers rose in an alarming level which caused forced evacuation to thousands of people. This flooding damaged at least 8,551 houses, and has left 16 casualties as of this writing. Cost damages to infrastructure and agriculture totalling to PHP 4,660,611,453 (USD 87,580,784) posing further challenges to the recovery of the affected population. The prevailing southwest monsoon and the pressing needs has prompted 28 local government units and 4 provinces in 7 regions now to declare a state of calamity.

NEEDS

The floods have put the region in a state of crisis. The flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to safe shelter and basic non-food items, basic health services and facilities, safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, livelihood activities, protection services and adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities more specifically for women and girls, children, and the elderly as evacuation centers have limited facilities for safe and secured spaces. They are also exposed to cold and various health risks in the evacuation centers. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

National government:

The NDRRMC conducts continuous monitoring and dissemination of weather forecasts and other advisories to the regional DRRM councils for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs).

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) was able to provide almost PHP 10,392,324 million worth of assistance to affected population (as of August 12, 6:00 PM). Local government units in the heavily affected areas continue to call for assistance for the flooded families. Around PHP 133 million total cost of assistance were provided by other government agencies, including some NGOs and other groups.

A National Emergency Operations Center was established in Clark, Pampanga as a support to the disaster response operations in Northern and Central Luzon.

National NGOs:

Various national NGOs have been monitoring the situation with their local constituencies.

Faith based groups:

FBOs, through the Philippines FBO Forum, are coordinating their plans while sharing information from their respective constituents. NCCP member churches and ecumenical partners are currently conducting rapid needs assessments in the areas affected by the floods.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the national and local disaster risk reduction and management offices. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

ACT Alliance has been working in Philippines since 2013, now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods. ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the floods, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities. ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.

In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in Click here to enter text. and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.

The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide emergency relief and early recovery assistance to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to immediate physiological needs and food security of the target population.

Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the floods are amplified.

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