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Highlights

- Super Typhoon Haiyan made its first landfall in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, with maximum sustained winds of 235 kilometres per hour.
- Flash floods, landslides and wind damage are reported in Eastern Samar and Leyte provinces.
- Telecommunication and electricity remain interrupted. Air and seaports are closed.
- Initial needs assessments are underway prioritizing Shelter, Food, Health, WASH, Camp Management and Logistics.

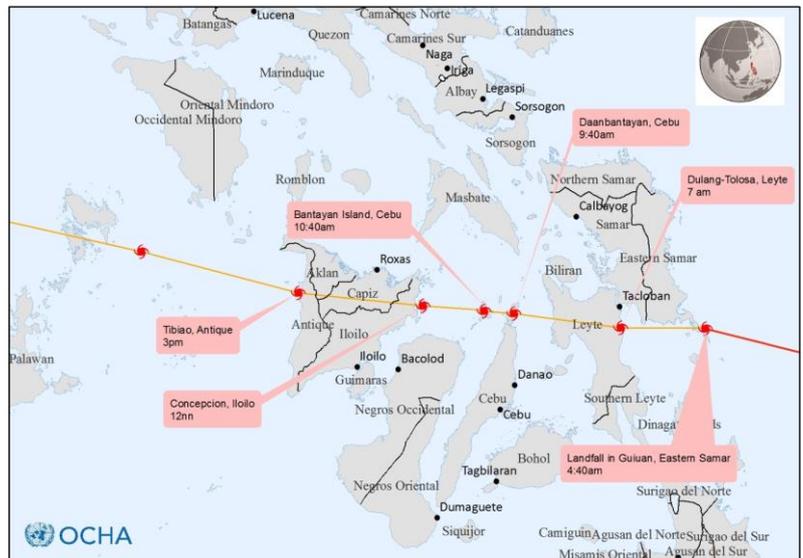
18 million

Total population in the worst affected regions (VI, VII, VIII)

125,604

People pre-emptively evacuated

Source: National Statistics Office; NDRRMC



Situation Overview

Super Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) made its first landfall at 4:40 a.m. on 8 November in Guiuan municipality, Eastern Samar province. According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Service Administration (PAGASA), maximum sustained winds reached at least 235 kilometres per hour (km/h) near the centre, as well as wind gusts at 275 km/h. The Typhoon has made subsequent landfalls in Tolosa municipality south of Tacloban City, Leyte province, Daanbantayan and Bantayan Island, Cebu province, and Concepcion, Iloilo province. The Typhoon track is en route to affect the city of Roxas in Capiz province and the tourism centre of Borocay in Aklan province during the night of 8 November. Haiyan is the strongest Typhoon to hit the Philippines in 2013.

At least 18 million people live in the worst affected Regions of Western (Region VI), Central (Region VII) and Eastern Visayas (Region VIII). The Government of the Philippines conducted comprehensive preparedness activities including evacuations of 125,604 people in 22 provinces according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). All domestic and international flights were cancelled from late 7 November. As of the afternoon of 7 November, the NDRRRMC reported three deaths and 17 injured people.

The major cities of Tacloban and Ormoc in Leyte province bore the brunt of the storm at 7:00 a.m. Communities in Cebu and Bohol provinces lying close to the Typhoon's track are still reeling from the impact of a 7.1 magnitude earthquake which hit the area on 15 October 2013.

Access to the affected area is limited due to damaged roads and fallen trees. The main sea and airports remain closed. Humanitarian partners reported that the airport in Tacloban City suffered some damages.

Strong winds interrupted telecommunications limiting the information received from the most affected areas, especially Eastern Samar and Leyte. The Government has requested the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to provide communication equipment in Tacloban City. Electricity is out in Tacloban, which raises concerns for access to water as pumps are ineffective. The Governor of Leyte stated that power lines were down, roads impassable and that there is need for food, flash lights and other non-food items.

Initial reports from non-government organisations and local media indicated storm surge and flash flooding in Eastern Samar and Tacloban City with significant damage to buildings and homes. Humanitarian partners reported rooftops of even secure buildings were blown away. Waves reached 12 to 15 feet in Samar and Leyte. In some areas, flashfloods reached the second floor of buildings. Waves in Albay province in Region V swept coastal homes away.

In Bohol, the Department of Interior and Local Government reported flooding in the three municipalities of Pilar, Ubay and Sierra Buliones, as well as landslides in Cortes and Sagbayan. The Governor of Bohol stated that damage was less than expected, however, power lines remain down. The Governor noted that preparedness activities at the household level supported the resilience of people. Limited information is available from Aklan and Capiz.

The International Federation of the Red Cross Disaster Relief Emergency Fund allocated \$519,000 (CHF475,495) to support the Philippines Red Cross in deploying rapid assessment teams and delivering immediate assistance to up to 5,000 families.

General Coordination

The UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) together with the Asia-Pacific Humanitarian Partnership, Télécoms Sans Frontière and MapAction have arrived to the Philippines to assist the Government and the HCT in establishing coordination hubs and conduct initial assessments. Similarly, members of the ASEAN Emergency Rapid Assessment Team have deployed to support coordination and emergency telecommunication.

On 8 November, the cluster co-leads agreed on the immediate deployment of assessment teams to the worst affected areas. Following an assessment planning meeting chaired by UNDAC, one assessment and communications team deployed by road from Manila. Additional teams are scheduled to deploy in the early morning of 9 November from Manila to Tacloban City from where they will support the Government in Eastern Samar and Leyte. The initial deployment was delayed due to flight cancellations. In addition, HCT members based in Bohol will visit the northern part of the province.

To augment data from the joint rapid needs assessment, the Digital Humanitarian Network has been activated to support the humanitarian response. Triangulated results will be geo-tagged and shared to support the assessment.

UNDAC will coordinate further needs assessment teams once more information becomes available. MapAction started providing technical assistance in mapping the affected areas.

The Philippines Red Cross started mobilizing assessment teams and will base their operations from Cebu City.

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