

SITUATION REPORT

BY THE NUMBERS

197

Confirmed dead

222

People missing

794,613

People affected

104,690

People displaced from their homes

Sources: NDRRMC Report, 02 Jan. 2018,
UNOCHA, 04 Jan. 2018

NEW INFORMATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

LWR has committed an initial \$35,000 for an unconditional cash transfer program that will provide cash to 1,124 families.



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The Philippines: Typhoon Tembin

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Typhoon Tembin (known as Vinta in the Philippines) made landfall on December 22 in Davao Oriental, a province located in the southern Philippines in the Davao Region in Mindanao. Tembin crossed various provinces across Mindanao causing flash floods and landslides. Severe flooding and landslides were reported in Cagayan de Oro City and in several towns in Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga Sibugay provinces. (Source: OCHA SitRep, December 26- 29, 2017)

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) confirmed 197 people dead, with the number expected to rise as rescue teams search for more than 200 missing people believed to be buried in mud or swept away by flood waters. More than 100,000 people have been displaced from their homes and 74 percent are still in evacuation centers. It is estimated that the typhoon has caused US\$ 26 million worth of damage to agriculture across five regions and 6,850 houses have been damaged.

Many families who fled the armed conflict in Marawi City seven months ago experienced a second upheaval as they are displaced again by the typhoon. Evacuation centers in Iligan City and Lanao provinces hosting displaced families from Marawi City also suffered damage, affecting living conditions and disrupting livelihoods. Families who have recently returned to Marawi City are also in an increasingly vulnerable situation due to the successive impacts of armed conflict and natural disaster.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE EFFORTS

The Philippines' Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and local governments are leading the response and have provided US\$ 599,000 in relief assistance so far. Additional relief items from DSWD were flown by the military to field offices in Zamboanga (Region 9) and Cagayan de Oro (Region 10) to augment local response. Food packages have been distributed but are insufficient to meet the needs of the entire affected population. (Source: UNHCR/UNICEF, 4 January)

The Mindanao Humanitarian Team and its local partners continue to undertake needs assessments and are supporting local governments in the response.

The World Health Organization and Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières provided medicine to prevent leptospirosis infection and household water filters in some areas. The Department of Health is doing similar activities in coordination with the local health units.

LWR – ACTIONS TAKEN AND NEXT STEPS

LWR is well positioned to support immediate relief activities in the Lanao del Sur Province of Mindanao because we have been supporting approximately 3,000 families in the area who fled Marawi City during a violent armed conflict in late spring 2017. While many of those displaced families from the earlier conflict have returned to their homes in Marawi City, up to 70 percent of LWR's project participants remain displaced and are still living with other host families or in evacuation centers.

LWR has committed an initial \$35,000 to respond to the immediate needs of families affected by Typhoon Tembin. In collaboration with our local partner, LWR will implement an unconditional cash transfer program that will provide cash to 1,124 families who are hosting families who fled Marawi City. The goal of this program is to help families purchase food, personal care items and household necessities. LWR will expand our response to meet the needs of more families as resources become available.

LWR IN THE COUNTRY

With nearly 75 years of demonstrated expertise helping to transform some of the hardest-to-reach places in the developing world, LWR is an innovative, trusted international nongovernmental organization committed to those otherwise cut off from basic human services and opportunities.

LWR helps communities living in extreme poverty adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being and we respond to emergencies with a long-term view. When a disaster hits – whether it's a drought, tsunami or civil war – we work alongside communities over months and years to help them recover and adjust to new realities, ensuring that they are prepared to withstand the next unexpected challenge. Regardless of whether these challenges are chronic or acute LWR invests in communities to enable those living in extreme poverty to build the resilience they need to thrive.

LWR has been working in the Philippines since the 1960s, reaching rural communities struggling to overcome poverty and marginalization. LWR's current programming supports communities in Mindanao – the southernmost major island in the Philippines, where chronic armed conflict and limited opportunities for economic improvement have led to high levels of poverty – and the Visayas, an area severely affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Working in partnership with local organizations, we implement programming with a focus on agriculture and food security, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, emergency operations and peace building.

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