

# WASH Cluster

Situation Report Input • *The Philippines / TY Pablo*

## A. Cluster Details

1. Lead Organization:	<b>UNICEF as co-lead of DOH-HEMS</b>
2. Cluster Website:	<a href="http://ph.one.un.org/response/clusters/water/index.php">http://ph.one.un.org/response/clusters/water/index.php</a>
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## B. Reporting Period

1. Report Number:	<b>6</b>
2. Report Date:	<b>21 December 2012</b>
3. Time Period Covered:	<b>18-21 December 2012</b>

*Please note: sections C-E together should be no more than 200 words total.*

## C. Humanitarian Needs

*Description of total beneficiary needs, including needs the cluster is currently addressing*

As of 19 December 2012; 6:00 AM, the total population affected is 701,257 families/6,203,991 persons/ 2,911 barangays/312 municipalities/40 cities in 34 provinces of Regions IV-B, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and CARAGA. The total population currently served inside and outside the evacuation centers decreased from 230,124 to 228,385 families and 985,489 to 980,939 persons.

The WASH cluster has identified the need to scale up WASH interventions including water and sanitation facility rehabilitation and construction, water kit and hygiene kit distribution and hygiene promotion for information dissemination and technical orientation on water disinfection and conducting water quality assessments. There is also an emerging need to capacitate the municipal governments by providing skilled DOH-personnel to assist in coordinating and providing oversight to WASH related interventions.

## D. Humanitarian Response

*Description of humanitarian activities by cluster partners serving the needs listed above*

As of 19 December, a total of 16,191 hygiene kits, 15,006 water kits, 4,700 jerry cans, 620 latrines, 2,797 tarpaulin for latrines rehabilitation have been distributed across Region XI and CARAGA (as reported to the WASH Cluster).

Water supply provision by local service providers in Bagangga and in New Bataan have resumed. In other areas, the communities are provided access to safe water through mobile water treatment units and tinkered water coupled with water kit distribution. Rural Sanitary Inspectors and Barangay health workers are being mobilized to conduct water quality assessments and hygiene promotion with continued distribution of water kits, water disinfection agents and hygiene kits. Latrine construction and rehabilitation is on-going.

## **E. Gaps & Constraints**

*Description of the unmet needs of both beneficiaries and cluster partners*

So far, only about 10% of the needs are currently responded to. There is still a huge gap between the needs and the available resources that are coming in to support the WASH Strategy. There is urgent need to mobilize more resources and scale up distribution of water kits and hygiene kits for affected families.

Partners who have brought in mobile water filtration units are now starting to disengage.

Diarrhea is a growing concern and cluster partners are now closely monitoring the situation in Cateel, Bagangga and Boston.