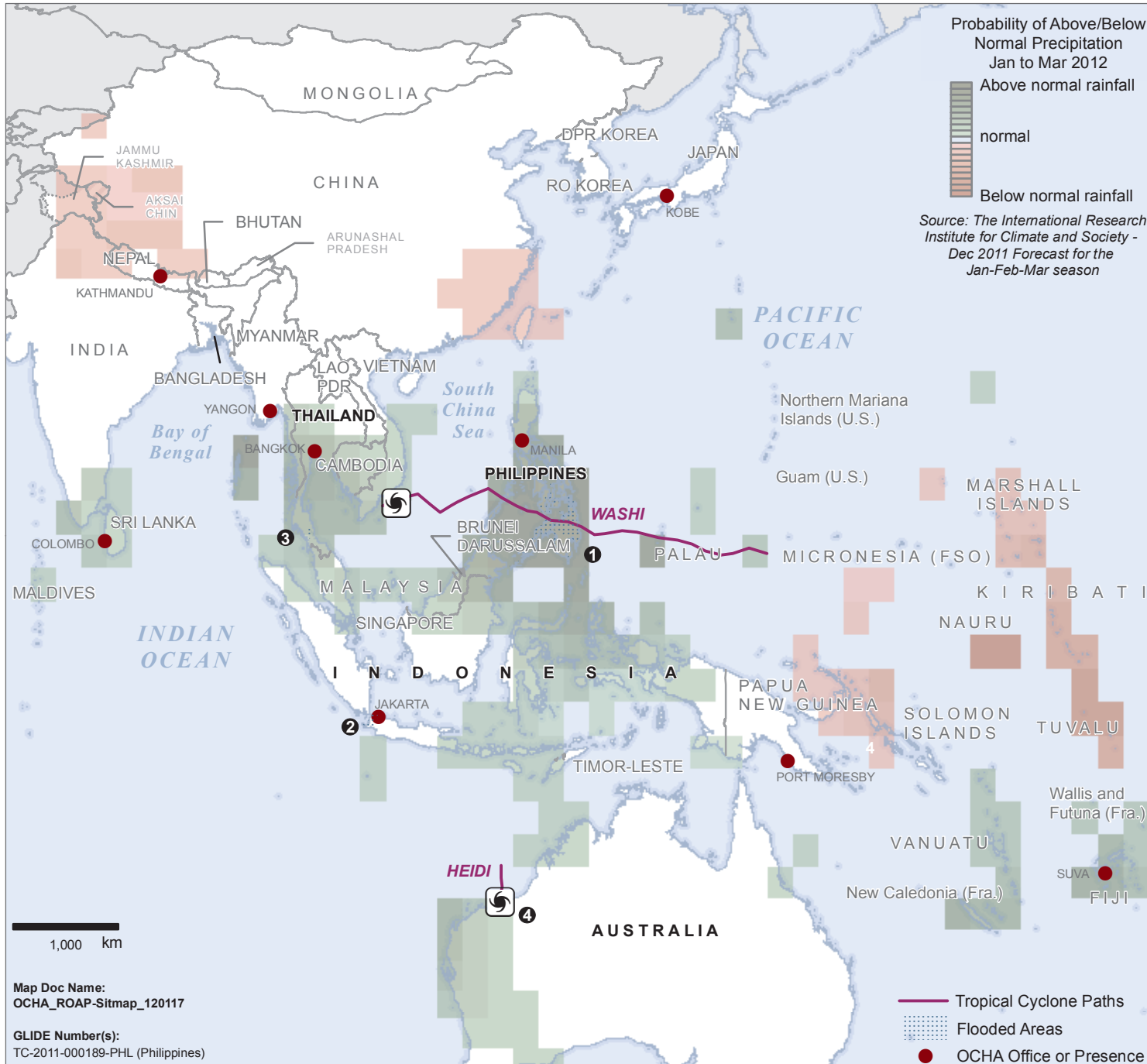


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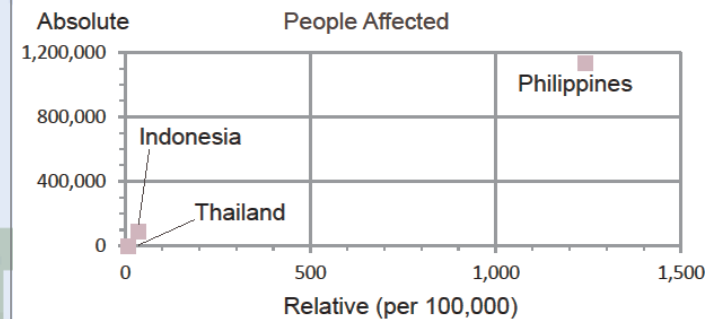
1. Philippines - Tropical Storm Washi (Sendong) crossed northern Mindanao on 16 Dec causing heavy flooding, and forcing over 220,000 people from their homes. These people remain in evacuation centers, transit sites, with host families, or in makeshift shelters. Region X, Northern Mindanao is the worst affected area. Shelter and management of the evacuation centres and transit sites remain key priorities. A large response is ongoing to provide assistance.
Source: OCHA

2. Indonesia - Heavy rain, beginning on 13 Jan has caused flooding in Banten Province, affecting over 17,000 families. As of 15 Jan, flood waters have begun to recede and families have begun to return home.
Source: OCHA

3. Thailand - Flooding has affected approximately 1,000 families in Southern Thailand. As of 17 Jan, flood waters have receded and families have returned home.
Source: OCHA

4. Australia - Tropical Cyclone Heidi struck northwestern Australia on 11 Jan. The heavy rain caused localized flooding and power outages, but no casualties were reported.
Source: UNISYS, Media

Precipitation Forecast - National Authorities in Indonesia and northern Australia are preparing for floods in the first quarter of 2012. The latest forecast shows a very high chance of greater than average precipitation in the southern Philippines as well as along the Malay Peninsula. Greater than average rainfall is also expected in New Caledonia and Fiji. Drier than normal conditions are very likely throughout the South Pacific, especially Tuvalu and, Eastern Kiribati.
Source: GoI, GoA, IRI



The graph above shows the absolute and relative number of people affected by the disasters shown on this map. The Y-axis labeled "Absolute" represents the total number of persons affected. The X-axis labeled "Relative" represents the number of people affected per 100,000.

Map data source(s): UN Cartographic Section, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Europa Technology, GDACS, PDC, IRI.