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Information bulletin

Philippines: Tropical Storm Kammuri

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Date of disaster Expected landfall on 3 December 2019	Point of contact: Leonardo Ebajo, Disaster Management Services
Operation start date: Early actions being initiated from 28 November 2019	Expected timeframe: N/A
Category of disaster: N/A	
Host National Society: Philippine Red Cross	
Number of people affected: 27.5 million exposed	Number of people to be assisted: N/A
N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation: N/A	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: N/A	

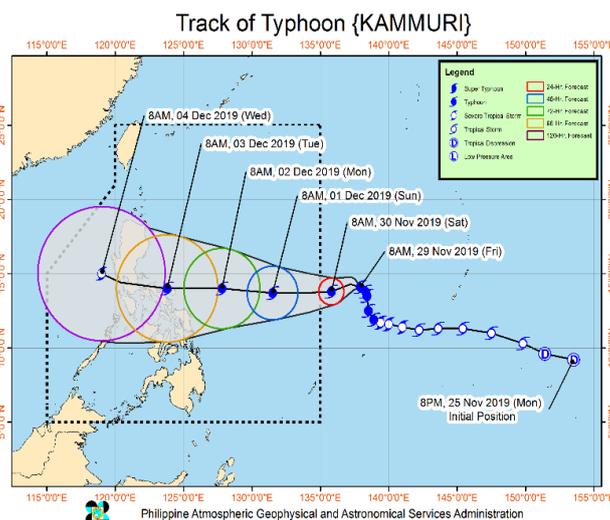
This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Philippine Red Cross (PRC), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is not seeking funding or other assistance from donors for this operation at this time. However, this might change as the situation evolves, especially after the storm makes landfall. An imminent DREF activation is currently under consideration.

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The situation

According to the [Philippines Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration](#) (PAGASA) as of 10:00 local time on 29 November 2019, Tropical Storm (TS) Kammuri is approximately 1,430 km east of the southern Luzon, moving northwest. PAGASA reports that Kammuri currently has maximum sustained winds of 140 kph near the centre and gustiness of up to 170 kph. Longer range models predict it could intensify to a category 4 typhoon.

On entering the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), which is estimated between 1 and 2 December 2019, it will be locally named "Tisoy". Tropical wind signal #1 may be raised over the eastern portion of Region V (Bicol) on 1 December 2019. The trajectory of the weather disturbance has altered over the last 24 hours, but is currently forecasted to make landfall on 3 December 2019, in either Quezon or Camarines provinces, before traversing across the Luzon landmass and surrounding islands.



(Source: [PAGASA](#))

From 26 November 2019, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has been issuing advisory warnings. As the weather system comes closer and more information on the expected impact becomes available, the NDRRMC will begin to disseminate public warnings on flooding and landslides.

There are concerns that the weather system could cause damage in communities across Regions V (Bicol) and IV-A (Calabarzon), which have been struck in recent years notably by Typhoon Melor (2015, [MDRPH020](#)), Typhoon

Nock-Ten (2016, [MDRPH023](#)) and Tropical Storm Usman (2019, [MDRPH030](#)). The [Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System \(GDACS\) has reported](#) that more than 27.5 million people could be exposed to the effects to this weather disturbance (Category 1 or above), and has issued a “Red Alert” rating of 2.5, predicting a possible “[Medium](#)” level of humanitarian impact.

Strong winds, and storm surges are expected, and rainfall can cause flooding and trigger landslides, resulting in casualties, as well as damages to crops livelihoods, livestock, infrastructure and housing.

TS Kammuri will become the Philippines 20th tropical cyclone in 2019.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

In accordance with PRC’s standard operating procedures, the Operations Centre (OpCen), which functions 24/7, is on heightened alert. National Headquarters (NHQ) will instruct chapters to be ready to respond through the delivery of services including – first aid, search and rescue, psychosocial support and welfare. PRC chapters in areas most likely to be affected will communicate with community volunteers (Red Cross 143) for information, and to start implementing early warning measures as it enters PAR. Red Cross Action Teams (RCAT 143) will be put on standby. National Disaster Response Teams (NDRT), Emergency Response Units (ERU), health and welfare personnel have also been alerted, for possible deployment. The PRC communications teams will post updates and photos of the situation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

In 2019, PRC has been managing operations supported through the IFRC DREF and Emergency Appeal (EA) mechanisms in response to earthquakes (e.g. Batanes and Mindanao), typhoon (e.g. Mangkhut) and disease outbreaks (e.g. dengue, measles and polio).

PRC NHQ is preparing the deployment of assets, stocks and personnel to chapters that are in areas mostly likely to be affected. The IFRC Philippines Country Office (CO) is continuing to monitor the situation in close contact with its counterparts in the PRC NHQ.

An imminent DREF activation is being considered. The IFRC CO is working in close coordination with the German Red Cross to identify, where appropriate, early actions (which are part of a Forecast-based Financing (FbF) project for typhoons) could be incorporated. Existing stocks are being mobilized to areas which are expected to be most affected, and staff have been put on standby. The Netherlands Red Cross supported 510 initiative has already been preparing maps, containing information on where the weather system will impact, and expected level of damage.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



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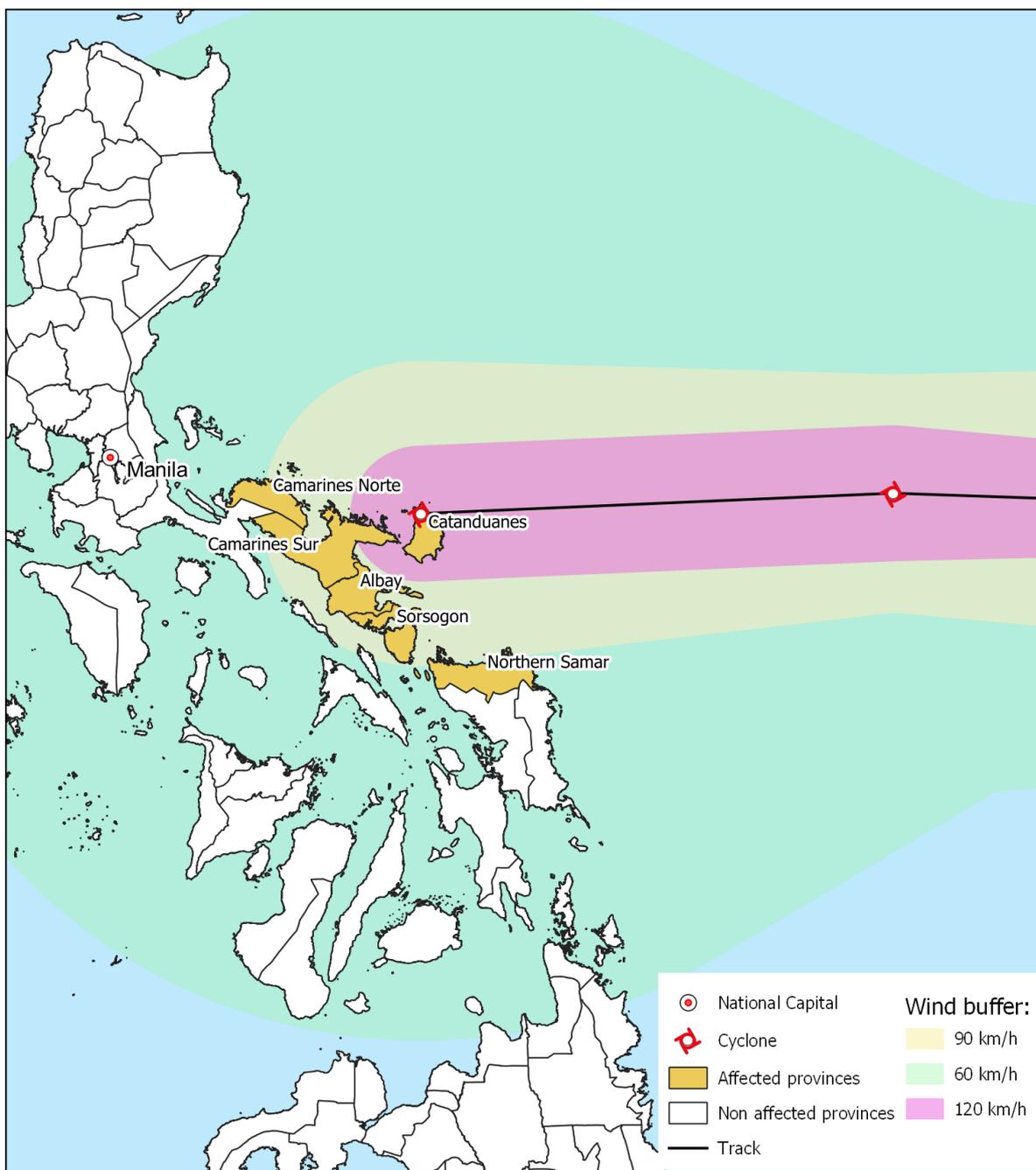
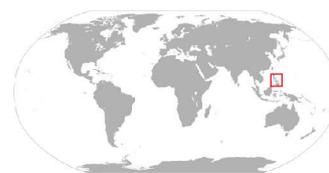
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