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The situation

Typhoon Noul (locally named Dodong) has exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) on 12 May 2015 and is currently heading towards Japan having weakened significantly to a Category 1 cyclone. The typhoon had brushed the north-eastern tip of Luzon after making landfall over Panapanan Point, Sta. Ana Municipality, Cagayan province in the late afternoon of 10 May 2015 as a Category 4 cyclone. From there, it tracked north-northwest, passing through the Batanes group of islands before heading outside of PAR. Consequently, all public storm warning signals have been lifted.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reports that humanitarian impact of the typhoon has been minimal. The number of confirmed casualties is two; family members who were electrocuted while repairing the roof of their house in the Aparri municipality of Cagayan Province. Pre-emptive evacuation efforts of the authorities helped get 1,029 families (3,803 people) out of harm's way in the provinces of Cagayan and Isabela where 20 evacuation centres were operational. The evacuees have all returned home following the lifting of all public storm warning signals.

Overall, damage to houses, infrastructure and livelihoods has been minimal. Although some 350 houses are reported to have sustained partial damage in Sta. Ana Municipality, Cagayan Province – which was directly hit by the typhoon – there were no people in the houses at the time of impact. With regard to livelihoods, some minor losses of ready-to-harvest paddy, corn and watermelon have been reported in the municipality. At the moment, clearing of roads, debris and toppled power or communication lines is underway alongside assessments to ascertain the exact extent of impact. By large, however, residents are glad that the rains brought by the typhoon have provided relief from a prolonged dry spell.



Aside from causing many trucks stranded due to the cancellation of sea crossings, the typhoon warning also disrupted the movement of some road passengers. Source: Reuters

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) national headquarters has consulted its chapters in Cagayan and Isabela, which have indicated that the expected response will be within their capacity, using locally-mobilized resources. Other chapters have since stood down the response teams that were on standby as there was no major typhoon impact in their areas of responsibility.

The Cagayan chapter of PRC is undertaking rapid assessments in Sta. Ana Municipality, Cagayan Province, with three members of the chapter's Red Cross Action Team (RCAT) engaged in the process, together with the chapter service representative for disaster management services. The chapter is coordinating closely with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

Since the ongoing activities and any planned response have been analysed to be well within the capacity of the National Society's chapters, this is the final information bulletin issued on Typhoon Noul. The IFRC Country delegation will continue to coordinate with PRC on other ongoing programmes.

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Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



**Enable healthy
and safe living.**



**Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and peace.**