



totalling to 90,000. The latest report of the NDRRMC<sup>1</sup> confirmed 17 people dead (including 4 children), 20 injured and 3 missing. Over 132,000 houses were damaged, of which more than 23,600 are totally damaged.

According to the government figures, about 35,400 families (156,900 people) remain inside 469 evacuation centers, including 208 schools, while another 41,400 families (151,300 people) are also displaced but stayed with host families and other places.

Damage to agriculture is estimated at PhP 840 million (USD 17.7 million) and damage to infrastructure at PhP 94.7 million (USD 2.0 million). Over PhP 44 million (USD 930,000) worth of relief assistance have been provided to the affected population by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and local authorities. The Department of Health (DOH) provided additional funding support to the field health offices and hospitals amounting to PhP 3 million (USD 63,000).

As the Typhoon tracked north along the west coast of Luzon it brought heavy rains over Central Luzon, where **Typhoon Koppu (local name: Lando)** caused significant flooding in October. There were reports of floods in Nueva Ecija and Pangasinan.

PAGASA is also monitoring tropical **depression Onyok**, which is expected to make landfall over Davao Oriental in the eastern part of Mindanao in the evening of 18 December with maximum sustained winds of 55 kph near the center and move at a speed of 20 kph west. Although Onyok is predicted to stay as a tropical depression until it exits the Philippines on Sunday, 20 December, PAGASA anticipates moderate to heavy amounts of rains in areas within the 150 km diameter of the tropical depression and could still cause damages that will require some form of humanitarian assistance as the rains are likely to cause flooding and landslides, including in areas already affected by Typhoon Melor. Public storm warning signal 1 has been raised in 14 provinces and pre-emptive evacuation being done along the predicted path of the typhoon.



While there is no formal request for international assistance from the Government, members of the Philippines Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) along with local humanitarian partners are responding to bilateral requests for assistance from national and local levels through provision of non-food items (tarpaulins, hygiene kits, etc.) and mobilising other in-country resources.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### The Philippine Red Cross (PRC)

The PRC continues to monitor the typhoon through its operations centre and conditions on the ground via its wide chapter network. The PRC Chapters and the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners have been alerted and have continuously received updates from the national headquarters (NHQ). PRC is also continuously coordinating with local governments in affected areas, the NDRRMC and in-country Movement partners.

<sup>1</sup> NDRRMC SitRep 11

The PRC NHQ has already deployed five assessment teams to the hardest-hit areas of Typhoon Melor (Mindoro, Sorsogon, and Romblon and 2 teams to Northern Samar) to assess the extent of the damage. An aerial survey is planned by PRC, IFRC and ICRC on 19 Dec.

The PRC has increased its deployment and mobilized a total of 26 staff members and 174 volunteers for assessment, search and rescue and relief activities. As of reporting, 2,772 affected people in the affected provinces were provided with hot meals, while other chapters are also preparing to support the local governments. 31 welfare desks have been set up. The Haiyan operation team in Leyte is also preparing relief items and equipment to support affected families in Northern Samar. In Nueva Ecija and Pampanga areas of Luzon previously affect by Typhoon Koppu, the PRC NHQ deployed four water search and rescue teams with two 6x6 trucks and 4 rescue boats.

### The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent

The IFRC Country Office coordinates with the Disaster Management Services of PRC on rapid assessment and relief planning, and with the Disaster Management Unit of the Asia Pacific regional office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Aside from rapid assessments, IFRC also supports PRC with communications and information management.

IFRC-supported preparedness stocks in the country comprise of tarpaulins and essential non-food items (jerry cans, blankets, sleeping mats, hygiene kits, and mosquito nets) for up to 20,000 families. These relief items are pre-positioned across several warehouses in Subic Bay, Mandaluyong City, Manila, and Cebu. The IFRC and PRC logistics are on standby to dispatch preparedness stocks as needed based. The IFRC Country Office has indicated that it can immediately support PRC with blankets, rigid jerry cans and sleeping mats – all sufficient to meet the needs of 5,000 families.

As some of the areas are security sensitive, close coordination between PRC, IFRC and ICRC will ensure staff and volunteers working in these areas are well informed and protected. The PRC response was discussed with all Movement partners at a Movement coordination meeting on Wednesday, 16 December. IFRC also continues to attend HCT meeting and contribute as one of the key humanitarian actors in the country.

IFRC are coordinating with PRC on their plan of action based on the needs assessments. **At this time it's considered likely that a DREF will be requested** to support PRC with non-food items to the most affected areas. These areas will include those areas affected by Typhoon Melor and possibly areas affected by the tropical depression Onyok.

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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.**