

Operations update



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Philippines: Typhoons

Emergency appeal n° MDRPH005
GLIDE n° [TC-2009-000205-PHL](#)
Operations update n° 9
14 December 2009

Period covered by this Operations Update:
25 November to 9 December 2009;

Appeal target (current):
CHF 16,286,096 (USD 16.1 million or EUR 10.8 million);

Appeal coverage: With contributions received to date, the appeal is 31 per cent covered in cash and kind; [<click to view attached financial report, or contact details>](#)

Appeal history:

- This emergency appeal was issued 23 October 2009 for CHF 16,286,096 (USD 16.1 million or EUR 10.8 million) for eighteen months to assist approximately 110,000 families (550,000 people).
- A revised preliminary emergency appeal was issued 12 October 2009 for CHF 6,854,640 (USD 6.65 million or EUR 4.51 million) for nine months to assist 200,000 beneficiaries.
- The emergency appeal was initially launched on a preliminary basis on 1 October 2009 for CHF 3,086,571 (USD 2.98 million or EUR 2.45 million) for nine months to assist 200,000 beneficiaries.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF): CHF 200,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the national society in initial response.



A community health volunteer from PNRC's Laguna chapter takes a break from distributing brochures, with the daughter of a participant attending PNRC's hygiene promotion on 3 December. Many areas of Laguna remain submerged in water posing serious community health risks. (Photo: International Federation)

Summary: Typhoons Ketsana (locally known as Ondoy) and Parma (locally known as Pepeng) struck the Philippines in quick succession on 26 September and 3 October respectively, wreaking havoc across Central Luzon, including the capital city Metro Manila. The latest typhoon, Mirinae, caused further casualties and destruction when it struck southern and central Luzon on 30 October. The Philippines national disaster coordinating council (NDCC) reports 963 people killed in the typhoons and 89 people still missing. The NDCC further reports that 46,203 houses have been completely destroyed, and 260,885 significantly damaged, while over 10 million people (about 2 million families) across the country have been affected.

To date, cash and in-kind contributions have been received from American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross/British government, Canadian Red Cross/Canadian government, Danish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of the Red Cross Society of China, Iranian Red Crescent, Irish Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, Republic of Korea Red Cross, Luxembourg Red

Cross, Monaco Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, New Zealand Red Cross/New Zealand government, Norwegian Red Cross/Norwegian government, and Swedish Red Cross/Swedish government. Contributions have also been received from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), the OPEC Fund for International Development and the Italian government.

On behalf of Philippine National Red Cross, the International Federation would like to thank all partners for their quick and generous response to this appeal.

The situation

Typhoons Ketsana (locally known as Ondoy) and Parma (Pepeng) struck the Philippines in quick succession on 26 September and 3 October respectively, wreaking havoc across Central Luzon, including the capital city Metro Manila. Two further typhoons, Lupit (Ramil) and Mirinae (Santi) have exacerbated already difficult conditions in affected areas throughout the main island of Luzon, including Metro Manila.

The Philippines national disaster coordinating council (NDCC) reports the following casualties and damage.

	Deaths	Injured	Missing	No. of people currently in evacuation centres	ECs*	Homes destroyed	Homes damaged	Estimated no. of people affected by typhoons
Ketsana (Ondoy)	464	529	37	15,798 families (70,124 people)	244	30,082	154,922	993,227 families (4,901,234 people)
Parma (Pepeng)	465	207	47	3,258 families (14,892 people)	54	6,253	48,120	954,087 families (4,478,284 people)
Mirinae (Santi)	34	20	5	4,104 families 18,696 people	56	9,868	57,843	170,497 families 802,155 people
Totals	963	756	89	23,160 families 103,712 people		46,203	260,885	2,117,811 families 10,181,673 people

*Evacuation centres

Coordination and partnerships

Within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, the PNRG is supported by the International Federation and partner national societies. Movement support in the typhoon relief operation includes operational capacity and the coordination of relief efforts. PNRG also coordinates and cooperates with national and local authorities. Regular coordination meetings are held with all Movement partners at operational level.

PNRG, Federation and PNS representatives meet weekly to coordinate all Movement activities.

Inter-agency coordination: The interagency standing committee (IASC) clusters have been activated and are presently coordinating the activities of organizations, donors and government agencies to ensure an efficient and accountable partnership for the typhoons disaster response.

In accordance with the Federation's global commitment to the IASC cluster approach, the International Federation deployed a coordination team to convene the emergency shelter cluster. The coordination team coordinates the activities, record distribution and processes assessment data from national and international agencies active in the shelter sector with donors and the Philippine government. As shelter activities are moving into recovery solutions, the emergency cluster will conclude their activities on 15 December with shelter coordination transferring to International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

As of 7 December 2009, Philippine National Red Cross (PNRG) had distributed 149,476 food relief parcels to typhoon-affected families. A total of 76,159 non-food item (NFI) sets, 18,278 hygiene kits, and 1,500 cleaning kits have also been distributed to families affected by the typhoons. The International Federation has supplied non-food item sets for 17,125 families through PNRG relief distributions.

With many areas still experiencing flood conditions, urgent attention is being directed to providing affected families with key health and hygiene messages. To facilitate this programme, PNRG has trained 200 community

health volunteers for outreach to 100 families each, for a total of 20,000 families. These community-based volunteers are delivering key hygiene messages and distributing brochures, soap and cleaning kits in typhoon-affected locations. The International Federation with German Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross are supporting this programme with training, brochure printing, and procurement of soap and cleaning kits. PNRC has also secured private donations of cleaning supplies to supplement Movement contributions.

The International Federation's real-time evaluation team visited Philippines on 7-10 December to review the operation to date. The agenda included meetings with International Federation delegates, key PNRC officers, Movement partners, and a visit to PNRC's Quezon City chapter. Real time evaluations (RTEs) are focusing on operations coordination and management functions which are being piloted in 2009 in West Africa and now in the Asia Pacific zone, to serve the following objectives:

- Providing timely support to the zones in assuming full disaster coordination and management responsibilities;
- Addressing disaster coordination and management concerns identified by the Secretariat in Geneva;
- Informing the development of clear disaster coordination and management roles and responsibilities within and between Secretariat headquarters (Geneva and zones) and field structure;
- Informing the development of appropriate disaster coordination and management performance standards, and methods for future real-time evaluations of disaster operations.

The Philippines country office also welcomed the Federation's head of regional office and regional programme coordinator for a monitoring visit, during which meetings were held with International Federation operations delegates and PNRC headquarters staff involved in the typhoons operation. The visitors travelled to Zambales province to meet with chapter staff, visit evacuation centres and attend a hygiene promotion activity. The visitors also inspected a potential landsite for construction of transitional shelters.

The Federation reporting delegate and German Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross relief delegates accompanied the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid Office's (ECHO) regional information officer to relief distributions and hygiene promotion in Laguna province on 3 December 2009.

Progress towards objectives

Since the launch of the preliminary emergency appeal on 1 October, the following objectives have progressed as follow:

Relief distributions (basic non-food items)	
<p>Objective: The quantities and quality of relief items distributed to the 30,000 affected families are appropriate, with distributions of basic household items (blankets, jerry cans, mosquito nets, buckets, kitchen sets, hygiene items, and sleeping mats) carried out according to assessment and selection criteria based on the identification of needs and vulnerable groups.</p>	
Expected results	Activities planned
<p>The immediate needs of typhoon-affected families living in evacuation shelters and damaged houses are met.</p>	<p>Working with logistics colleagues and PNRC counterparts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments. • Develop beneficiary targeting strategy and registration system to deliver intended assistance. • Manage a scale-up of spontaneous volunteers to reach affected families and communities to meet temporary needs. • Distribute relief supplies and control supply movements from point of dispatch to end-user. • Monitor and evaluate the relief activities and provide reporting on relief distributions. • Develop an exit strategy.

The International Federation supplied the following non-food items to PNRC's distributions in the period 25 November to 8 December 2009.

PNRC Chapter	Blankets	Sleeping mats	Kitchen sets	Mosquito nets	Jerry cans 20ltr
Benguet				1,700	
Bulacan		3,314			
Kalinga				300	
Laguna	3,112	3,112	1,000	3,112	
Pangasinan		2,600		1,435	
Zambales	1,310	1,310		1,310	655
Total	4,422	10,336	1,000	7,857	655

The International Federation has supplied the following total quantities of non-food items to PNRC's distribution operation:

Blankets	Sleeping mats	Mosquito nets	Jerry cans 10ltr	Jerry cans 20ltr	Hygiene kits
39,620	23,694	46,637	34,484	2,312	14,584

Final distributions of Federation-supplied non-food items are expected to conclude on schedule by 31 December 2009, with the exception of kitchen sets which will accompany shelter and livelihood activities in 2010.

PNRC headquarters staff, International Federation delegates as well as German Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross representatives regularly visit chapters to monitor non-food item distributions and report observations at Movement coordination meetings.

American Red Cross has finalized the procurement of non-food items for 11,500 families. The full consignment of jerry cans, sleeping mats, and blankets have been received at the DHL warehouse, and the outstanding items of hygiene kits and mosquito nets are expected to arrive at the warehouse by 14 December 2009. Up to 6,500 families in five regions will receive a full non-food item set comprising two blankets, two sleeping mats, one 20-litre jerry can, two mosquito nets and one hygiene kit. An additional 5,000 families will receive a hygiene kit to replenish their supplies.

American Red Cross-supplied non-food items were transported to four chapters on 5 December for distribution to 2,121 families. Distributions commenced 7 December as follows: Kalinga (150 families), Tarlac (491 families), Benguet (850 families), and Pangasinan (630 families). A distribution monitoring form and beneficiary exit interviews will be piloted at the distribution sites.

German Red Cross has agreed to provide the American Red Cross programme with a set of four hygiene promotion brochures to accompany each of the hygiene kits being distributed. The brochure topics are: general hygiene promotion (hand-washing), leptospirosis, acute diarrhoea and urinary tract infections, and fungal infections of the skin.

A total of 5,500 German Red Cross-supplied non-food item kits were distributed as part of PNRC's third round of distributions in Pampanga, Pangasinan, Nueva Ecija, La Union, Rizal, Bulacan and Tarlac. The non-food items were funded by Belgian Red Cross-Flanders/Belgian Federal government. One thousand kitchen sets supplied by German Red Cross (funded by German Federal government) were distributed in Laguna in the first week of December 2009.

German Red Cross has also procured 5,500 cleaning kits locally and these are in stock at the DHL warehouse. The first distribution of 2,500 cleaning kits will take place before the end of the year, in accordance with PNRC's distribution plans.

Health and care

Objective: The health risks of the affected population are reduced through the provision of preventive, community-level and curative services to some 13,000 families (65,000 beneficiaries).

Note: For figures for hygiene promotion please refer to the activities outlined under the water and sanitation sector.

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health risks of the affected population are further assessed. • Affected people in communities hit by the typhoon have received appropriate medical services. • Communities have received appropriate referral services for the most vulnerable patients. • Affected communities are supported to develop social resilience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the appropriate health authorities, assist in assessing the basic mortality and morbidity in the population as a result of the emergency and utilizing the obtained information in analysing assessment findings. • Working with the appropriate health authorities, assist in assessing the health risks of the affected population in terms of health services, prevention, health needs and risk of communicable diseases. • Carry out health promotion activities (linked with hygiene) to affected communities, in coordination with water and sanitation support, through 25 health promotion teams, supported by information, education and communication materials. • Provide medicines through 50 essential drug kits (procured locally through the WHO procurement standards), which have the capacity to supply up to 50,000 people. • Service affected communities through the deployment of seven mobile medical teams for one month. • Establish 60-bed medical post to support local hospital. • Support medical referral systems for malnourished patients, including children, pregnant women and other vulnerable groups. • Support to PNRC to provide psychosocial support to vulnerable communities, volunteers, and staff.

Hygiene promotion activities are underway and are discussed in the following objective: water, sanitation and hygiene promotion.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Objective: The risk of waterborne and water-related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 45,000 families (or 225,000 beneficiaries).

Expected results	Activities planned
<p>Access to safe water and adequate sanitation facilities at target evacuation centres has been established along with increased awareness of hygiene practices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the basic water, sanitation and hygiene promotion and likelihood of water and sanitation-related diseases in the affected population. • Address water, sanitation and hygiene priorities among people living in selected evacuation centres, with special emphasis on the needs of women and children. • Survey the availability of safe drinking water for people living in evacuation centres. • Provide water containers and purification tablets to 125,000 people (15,000 families) in particular need for one month (these will be included in the non-food item packages). • Provide 45,000 people (9,000 families) with potable water with the provision of water bladders at targeted evacuation centres. • Provide emergency latrines for a beneficiary group of 45,000 people (9,000 families) (men and women) at evacuation centres.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct emergency participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) sessions on the safe use of water and sanitation facilities in the target area through locally identified and trained community health volunteers in selected shelters and respective communities supporting safe return. This will be carried out in three rounds (15,000 people per round) over the duration of the operation. • Coordinate with the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) cluster and maintain regular reporting/feedback. • In collaboration with appropriate government authorities, assist in conducting water quality testing. • Participate in the treatment of water for vector control. • Distribute water purification tablets to complement hygiene promotion activities. • Conduct vector control and prevention measures. • Conduct waste disposal and drainage clearing measures.
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Chapters are undertaking hygiene promotion activities that include components of PHAST methodology, focusing on community mobilization and identifying sanitation and hygiene challenges within flooded communities and evacuation centres. PNRC has trained 200 community health volunteers in hygiene promotion. To date, 10,738 families (some 53,690 people) have participated in the first session of the hygiene promotion programme in Laguna, Rizal, Quezon City, Zambales, and Pangasinan. By the end of December 2009, some 15,000 families will have benefitted from hygiene promotion activities, and an additional 30,000 families will benefit from these activities in early 2010.

The hygiene promotion methodology includes identifying community health volunteers (CHVs) who have, where possible, some background in community health. The CHVs are trained by PNRC in the key messages to be delivered and introduced to creative approaches, such as song, theatre, and games that can be employed in their dissemination activities. Each volunteer becomes responsible for reaching 100 families, with the objective of engaging with each family six times, usually in small groups, to impart good hygiene practice messages. In the first session, a baseline assessment is undertaken where current hygiene knowledge, attitudes and practices are captured. In the next four sessions, the CHVs focus on hygiene practices along with information on diseases that are prevalent in flood conditions, such as diarrhoea/cholera, leptospirosis and fungal infections, and strategies for avoiding these infections. The final session will review hygiene information and a further knowledge, attitudes and practices assessment will be undertaken. Each family is provided with one piece of soap at each session.

Community health volunteers are equipped with information, education and communication materials, including a flipchart, posters and leaflets for distribution at the hygiene promotion sessions. Volunteers will be provided with a T-shirt, apron, hat, backpack, and in areas still under flood waters, CHVs will be equipped with rubber boots and a raincoat. One CHV in each chapter is selected to undertake monitoring of the sessions and to report progress and issues arising to PNRC's health department.

PNRC has received a no-cost consignment of 12,000 bottles of hyposol (water purification drops) from the Philippines department of health that will be distributed to affected families in December 2009. Hyposol will be distributed by CHVs as part of the hygiene promotion activities in locations where the water is assessed as at risk of contamination, such as in locations still flooded. CHVs will demonstrate the correct use of hyposol with recipient families.

Another complement to the hygiene promotion campaign is the provision of water buckets and dippers for the promotion of personal hygiene. These will be placed in latrines in targeted evacuation centres. Also, to improve waste management, PNRC is placing rubbish bins in targeted evacuation centres.

German Red Cross has procured the following items in support of the hygiene promotion programme:

- 27,500 pieces of soap (locally purchased) delivered to DHL warehouse, of which 9,000 pieces were sent to Quezon City and another 3,500 will follow soon. Up to 15,000 pieces are scheduled for transport to Pangasinan chapter.
- 16,000 sets of hygiene promotion leaflets printed and delivered to PNRC national headquarters.
- 75 megaphones (locally purchased)

- 700 flipcharts (locally purchased)
- 600 rubbish bins (locally purchased)

A water and sanitation delegate has been recruited to assist the PNRC with implementing the water, sanitation and hygiene promotion programme for six months, and is expected to commence in December.

Shelter	
Objective: Some 16,500 affected households have safe and adequate shelter and settlement solutions through the provision of locally appropriate materials and guidance on improved building techniques.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Improved shelter conditions at evacuation centres and informal settlements for families with severely damaged, inundated and destroyed houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the extent of the shelter needs and preferred shelter solutions. • Provide acceptable shelter conditions for persons unable to return to their dwellings in the short term. • Construct 6,500 transitional (typhoon and cyclone-resistant) shelters with latrines for entirely damaged/destroyed houses and repairs to some 10,000 partially damaged homes. • Enable the provision of safe and adequate locally appropriate shelter solutions through appropriate programming methods. • Promote safe and durable shelter where possible through the provision of technical assistance and guidance to all involved in the shelter activities. • Ensure shelter and settlement programming includes access to required water and sanitation services. • Incorporate linked livelihoods initiatives where possible to maximize the potential economic benefits of the shelter programming. • Promote increased awareness and understanding of typhoon-resistant construction and safe and adequate shelter response programming with the national society and affected communities, including advocacy with the government for access to appropriate land sites. • Carry out ongoing monitoring and provide assistance to the families involved.

The International Federation and PNRC have agreed on the provision of repair kits to householders with partially damaged houses through a commodity voucher system. Under the voucher system, a beneficiary is allocated PHP 7,000 (CHF 158 or USD 152) worth of materials and equipment. The beneficiary may select and request any combination of materials or equipment in reasonable quantities, provided the total amount of the request does not exceed this PHP 7,000.

Each beneficiary will be provided with the list of materials (*see below*) from which they can select the materials and quantities they require. Prices are fixed according to pre-agreement between PNRC and the supplier. Once beneficiaries have selected their items, they submit them to PNRC Pangasinan chapter for verification. PNRC will then submit these requests to the supplier. Beneficiaries will collect their repair items from the shop/supplier on a date to be agreed upon between PNRC and the shop/supplier.



At the orientation meeting in Pangasinan on 9 December, Sison householders practice filling in the repair kit request form in preparation for the rollout of the programme. The programme will be piloted in Pangasinan, and rolled out in other typhoon-affected provinces in 2010. (Photo: International Federation)

Materials include:

- corrugated galvanized iron
- coconut lumber
- marine plywood
- nails and adhesive glue
- construction tools including: lay hammer; handsaw; chisel
- electrical wire and socket

The International Federation’s logistician and shelter delegate together with PNRC’s Pangasinan chapter administrator explored local warehouse and procurement options. They have selected one supplier (shop) for the provision of the repair kits, and have entered an agreement with the supplier. The Pangasinan chapter has completed beneficiary revalidations in Sison municipality, and has confirmed 32 households as eligible recipients for repair kits.

On 9 December, the Federation shelter delegate, PNRC’s disaster management services staff and Pangasinan chapter administrator conducted training and orientation with chapter volunteers in how to proceed with repair kit distribution. The team also facilitated an orientation meeting with beneficiary householders in Sison to discuss the commodity voucher system and provide instruction in how to complete the repair kit request form so they select the items and quantities they require for their home repairs.

The commodity voucher system is being piloted in Pangasinan on a small scale and, following adjustments deemed to be necessary following the testing period, will then be rolled out on a larger scale.

Construction of typhoon-resistant transitional shelters will commence in Laguna province in the coming weeks. The local PNRC chapter is moving forward with beneficiary revalidation processes, and thus far, has confirmed householders of 289 destroyed houses for involvement in the programme. On 9 December, the Federation’s head of operations and logistician visited Laguna to explore procurement options and warehouses for the transitional shelter programme. Twelve households among the most vulnerable were selected for construction of model houses.

Exploration of further land-sites for the transitional shelter programme is ongoing.

Swiss Red Cross is also supporting shelter needs through transitional shelter construction for householders with destroyed homes, and repairs to partially damaged houses.

Early recovery and livelihoods	
Objective: To protect the food security and livelihoods of up to 6,500 families (35,000 of the most vulnerable affected people).	
Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved food security for the most vulnerable of the affected population. • Increased livelihood opportunities to supplement coping mechanisms for those households and communities that are reliant on paddy agriculture, fishing, or livestock (until the resumption of their main productive activity). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the livelihood needs, including the possible distribution of seeds and saplings to some 6,500 families as part of a combined relief distribution process, thereby contributing to increased food security. • Provide grants to enable or reinforce livelihoods with the purchase of appropriate tools and equipment to repair fishing nets to a percentage of the targeted fishing households. • Provide vocational training to grant beneficiaries to support supplementary livelihoods in identified districts. • For households reliant on fishing, supplement income for livelihoods until the trawler fishing sector is regenerated. • Provide 25,000 sets of basic school kits (note pads, etc). This will be coordinated with UNICEF (and NGOs) working in this sector.

The recruitment of two relief/recovery delegates under the International Federation operation has been finalized; these delegates are expected to arrive in-country in December 2009.

Also, Swiss Red Cross is supporting pre-school and primary school children by providing school materials and/or school repairs.

Disaster preparedness	
Objective: Communities affected and those at risk of future disasters are supported through increased ability and resilience to deal with future calamities via enhanced disaster preparedness capacity.	
Expected results	Activities planned
Local PNRC chapters have improved stock of essential items and training for staff and volunteers in disaster response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce PNRC emergency response procedures and contingency planning. • Procure 15 rubber-boats and train PNRC teams for search-and-rescue work. • Equip local chapters with 850 rubber boots and 500 life-vests for future search and rescue operations. • Equip PNRC headquarters with two land cruisers that will be specially geared for flood situations. • Review the existing disaster assessment procedures with a focus on strengthening chapter participation in disaster management and support. • Enhance the preparedness for future disasters through the provision of technical materials and support the PNRC. • Conduct on-the-job training for PNRC recruits in logistics, relief, fleet management and procurement. • Implementation of integrated community-based disaster preparedness activities (early warning; hazard mapping, identification of safe havens and exploring adapting existing structures, etc.) through a scaled-up community-based volunteer mobilization and training strategy linked to sustainable approaches to branch development. • Disaster preparedness (DP) stock replenishment (quantities and items to be confirmed with the PNRC).

The procurement of vehicles is now complete. Import and registration procedures are currently in progress at this time.

Logistics

With non-food item (NFI) distributions concluding at end-December 2009, the International Federation's logistics delegate is concluding the final procurement of non-food items and transport to distribution sites. A new consignment of 10,501 hygiene kits procured through the regional logistics unit based in Kuala Lumpur is pending, with 5,000 expected to arrive in Manila on 14 December and the remainder to arrive in the coming weeks.

The mapping of repair equipment and materials suppliers in Pangasinan for repairs to partially damaged houses has also been finalized; and the procurement for transitional shelter materials is underway.

The Federation's warehouse management delegate's mission concluded on 4 December 2009. The delegate from Nepal Red Cross was also a member of the regional disaster response team (RDRT), and was the last member of the team to depart Manila under this operation.

The mobilization table for this operation is available on DMIS. For now, all items on the mobilization table are covered with some remaining quantities indicated for local procurement. The operation continues to seek cash to cover these items.

Donors are requested to coordinate with the regional logistics unit in Kuala Lumpur regarding outstanding needs. Shipping instructions will be provided to donors with a consignment tracking number to be issued before shipping any goods to the operation. Procurement of goods and transport can also be arranged through the regional logistics unit.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The International Federation will ensure a steady flow of information continues between the field and headquarters and to Movement partners and other major stakeholders, which will enable the Federation to keep all parties updated on programme developments.

In close collaboration with the PNRG/International Federation operation, the chapters will ensure that targeted beneficiaries are informed about the planned support interventions, and are engaged in decision-making in this regard.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGOs\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Relief arrives for typhoon-affected families in Laguna

On 3 December 2009, the International Federation's reporting delegate along with Spanish Red Cross and German Red Cross relief delegates accompanied the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid Office's (ECHO) regional information officer to relief distributions and a hygiene promotion activity in Laguna province.

In Calamba City, 298 families are still living in school grounds that were converted into an evacuation centre during typhoon Ketsana. All families registered at the centre received a non-food item set supplied by the International Federation, a kitchen set from German Red Cross, and food items that were privately donated to the Laguna chapter of Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC).



The distribution provided some very welcome relief for families affected by the typhoon disasters.

Jelita Ajes with the International Federation reporting delegate (Photo: International Federation)

Jelita Ajes has been living at the evacuation centre with her husband, children and grandchildren for over two months now.

"We came here just as Ondoy (Ketsana) arrived and we've been living here ever since. Our house is still submerged; right now the water is about waist height (around one metre)."

The family managed to save their television and a few kitchen items, but lost all their other possessions.

"We will go back to our house once the water goes down," says Jelita, though that still could be months away. In the meantime, they persevere in their current situation.

"It's very stressful; there are so many people, so many children, no privacy, and getting enough water is a problem. We have no choice but to stay here until we can move back into our house."

It is a situation that is replicated in many parts of Laguna, particularly in neighbourhoods close to Laguna de Bay, the largest lake in the Philippines.

PNRC Laguna chapter administrator, Rudelly Cabutin, reports that 22 towns in Laguna were badly affected by Ketsana, with the situation aggravated by typhoon Mirinae on 30 October. Mirinae caused destruction and damage throughout Laguna, particularly in the towns of Santa Cruz, Victoria, Pila and Lumban – all of which were recovering from the effects of Ketsana. Heavy rains throughout November have compounded the challenging conditions.

"The situation is very difficult, says Rudelly. "People are living in tents, without proper sanitation, and some people are living in houses that are still partially submerged in water."

It is estimated that the flood waters will not fully recede until February or March 2010, causing great concern for public health. Already there have been outbreaks of water-borne diseases in other flood-affected provinces.

"Our focus now is on disseminating hygiene promotion messages to families living in evacuation centres and to those living in flooded houses, says Rudelly, "And next we will distribute water purification drops (hyposol) to the families."

PNRC, with support from the International Federation, German Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross, has trained 200 community health volunteers to deliver key hygiene messages to 20,000 typhoon affected families. PNRC received a no-cost consignment of 12,000 bottles of hyposol from the Philippines department of health, and these will be distributed as part of the hygiene promotion programme.

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MDRPH005 - Philippines - Typhoons

Interim Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/10-2009/10
Budget Timeframe	2009/10-2011/3
Appeal	MDRPH005
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	15,965,241				320,856	16,286,096
B. Opening Balance	250,000				0	250,000
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
American Red Cross	313,475					313,475
Australian Red Cross	1,717					1,717
British Red Cross	169,719					169,719
Canadian Red Cross	193,050					193,050
China RC, Hong Kong branch	1,984					1,984
Danish Red Cross	6,586					6,586
ECHO	606,980					606,980
Finnish Red Cross	49,236					49,236
Germany Red Cross	7,756					7,756
Irish Red Cross	7,591					7,591
Italian Govt Bilateral Emergency Fund	75,472					75,472
Japanese Red Cross	133,880					133,880
Korea Republic Red Cross	38,500					38,500
Luxembourg Red Cross	3,377					3,377
Netherlands Red Cross	8,264					8,264
New Zealand Red Cross (from New Zealand Government)	152,020					152,020
Switzerland - Private Donors	2,090					2,090
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief	2,400					2,400
C1. Cash contributions	1,774,099					1,774,099
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
Canadian Red Cross (from Canadian Government)	188,482					188,482
ECHO	151,080					151,080
Iran Red Crescent	30,600					30,600
Monaco Red Cross	30,216					30,216
New Zealand Red Cross (from New Zealand Government)	222,800					222,800
On Line donations	1,579					1,579
OPEC Fund For Int-l Development	255,912					255,912
Philippines - Private Donors	6,460					6,460
Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)	292,419					292,419
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	1,179,547					1,179,547
<u>Inkind Goods & Transport</u>						
American Red Cross	131,928					131,928
Australian Red Cross	30,940					30,940
British Red Cross	140,247					140,247
China RC, Hong Kong branch	30,521					30,521
Danish Red Cross	101,324					101,324
Finnish Red Cross	96,852					96,852
Germany Red Cross	145,893					145,893
Japanese Red Cross	89,865					89,865
Luxembourg Red Cross	64,422					64,422
Netherlands Red Cross	157,907					157,907
C3. Inkind Goods & Transport	989,899					989,899
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
Australian Red Cross	3,813					3,813
C4. Inkind Personnel	3,813					3,813

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Other Income			
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	-250,000		-250,000
C5. Other Income	-250,000		-250,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	3,697,357		3,697,357
D. Total Funding = B + C	3,947,357	0	3,947,357
Appeal Coverage	25%	0%	24%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	250,000				0	250,000
C. Income	3,697,357					3,697,357
E. Expenditure	-1,196,691				-66,019	-1,262,711
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	2,750,666				-66,019	2,684,647

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)	15,965,241					320,856	16,286,096	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	8,000,000							8,000,000
Clothing & textiles	802,800	328,680					328,680	474,120
Water & Sanitation	1,034,000							1,034,000
Medical & First Aid	75,000							75,000
Teaching Materials	125,000							125,000
Utensils & Tools	1,454,050	310,808					310,808	1,143,242
Other Supplies & Services	850,450	223,580					223,580	626,870
Total Supplies	12,341,300	863,068					863,068	11,478,232
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	60,000							60,000
Computers & Telecom	30,000	1,090					1,090	28,910
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.		333					333	-333
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	90,000	1,423					1,423	88,577
Transport & Storage								
Storage		566					566	-566
Distribution & Monitoring		182,815					182,815	-182,815
Transport & Vehicle Costs	449,000	7,355					7,355	441,645
Total Transport & Storage	449,000	190,736					190,736	258,263
Personnel								
International Staff	1,716,000	32,589					32,589	1,683,411
Regionally Deployed Staff	56,000	8,895					8,895	47,105
National Staff	125,200							125,200
National Society Staff	225,000							225,000
Consultants	55,000					41,728	41,728	13,272
Total Personnel	2,177,200	41,485				41,728	83,213	2,093,987
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	42,000							42,000
Total Workshops & Training	42,000							42,000
General Expenditure								
Travel	17,500	18,701					18,701	-1,201
Information & Public Relation	30,000	506					506	29,494
Office Costs	30,500	1,019					1,019	29,481
Communications	50,000	600					600	49,400
Financial Charges		6,778					6,778	-6,778
Other General Expenses		59					59	-59
Total General Expenditure	128,000	27,664					27,664	100,336
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers Others						20,000	20,000	-20,000
Total Contributions & Transfers						20,000	20,000	-20,000
Programme Support								
Program Support	1,058,596	63,800				4,291	68,091	990,505
Total Programme Support	1,058,596	63,800				4,291	68,091	990,505
Services								
Services & Recoveries		1,979					1,979	-1,979
Total Services		1,979					1,979	-1,979
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		6,537					6,537	-6,537
Total Operational Provisions		6,537					6,537	-6,537
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	16,286,096	1,196,691				66,019	1,262,711	15,023,385

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A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		15,965,241				320,856	16,286,096	
VARIANCE (C - D)		14,768,549				254,836	15,023,385	