

# Information bulletin



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## Asia: Typhoon Morakot

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Typhoon Morakot made landfall in Taiwan on 7 August 2009, and the public authority of the island estimates that the typhoon has caused 126 deaths, with 61 people still missing and 45 injured to date. The Taiwan Red Cross Organization (TRCO) has mobilized more than 1,500 volunteers since the typhoon hit, together with non-food items from its disaster preparedness stocks in 11 warehouses scattered on the island. The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) headquarters issued CNY 15 million (approximately CHF 2.35 million) to support TRCO in providing relief to affected communities. The Guangdong, Shanghai and Fujian branches of the RCSC further supplemented headquarters' support with CNY 1 million (approximately CHF 156,956) each to TRCO for relief efforts.

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### The Situation

At the time of reporting, there are up to 53 temporary living camps in place and managed by the island's public authority in the affected counties, where a total of 5,311 beneficiaries are staying.

Over half of the water systems in the affected villages have been fixed, and the majority of the power supply has been restored, leaving only around 15,000 families without water and electricity.

Losses in crops, livestock, fisheries and forestry, and infrastructure is now estimated to total TWD 12,236,752,000 (CHF 398,743,756).

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Taiwan Red Cross Organization (TRCO) has mobilized more than 1,500 volunteers since the typhoon hit on 7 August. Non-food items stocked at 11 county-level disaster preparedness warehouses from Pingdong to Miaoli were mobilized, including 6,049 sleeping bags, 5,430 blankets, 1,530 cotton quilts, 97 family hygiene kits, and 200 jackets. The non-food items have been distributed to approximately 6,000 beneficiaries currently staying in the island's public authority-managed temporary living camps in the six affected counties, from Pingdong to Nantou.

The TRCO has also mobilized more than 200 rescue volunteers to help the local authorities of Tainan and Kaohsiung counties and to assist with search and rescue operations, including one for the 300 missing villagers in Xiao Lin Village with the Kaohsiung county fire department.

In addition, more than 20,500 food items were procured while around 30,000 food items and 250 non-food items were donated by private corporations. The food and non-food items were distributed through air-drops in affected areas, reaching an additional estimate of 4,000 people affected by the typhoon. These numbers are increasing daily.

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of the RCSC further supplemented headquarters' support with CNY 1 million (approximately CHF 156,196) each to TRCO for relief efforts.

Any partner national societies, international organizations and companies making direct contributions to TRCO are kindly requested to also inform the International Federation and RCSC headquarters of their contributions.

The International Federation will continue to provide support in media enquiries and communications concerning the situation.

## 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.

## Contact information

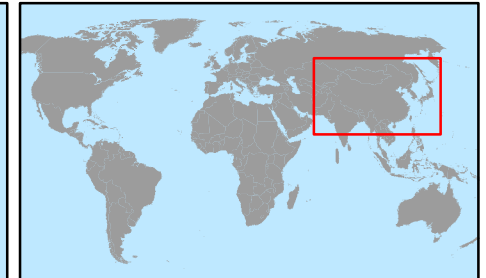
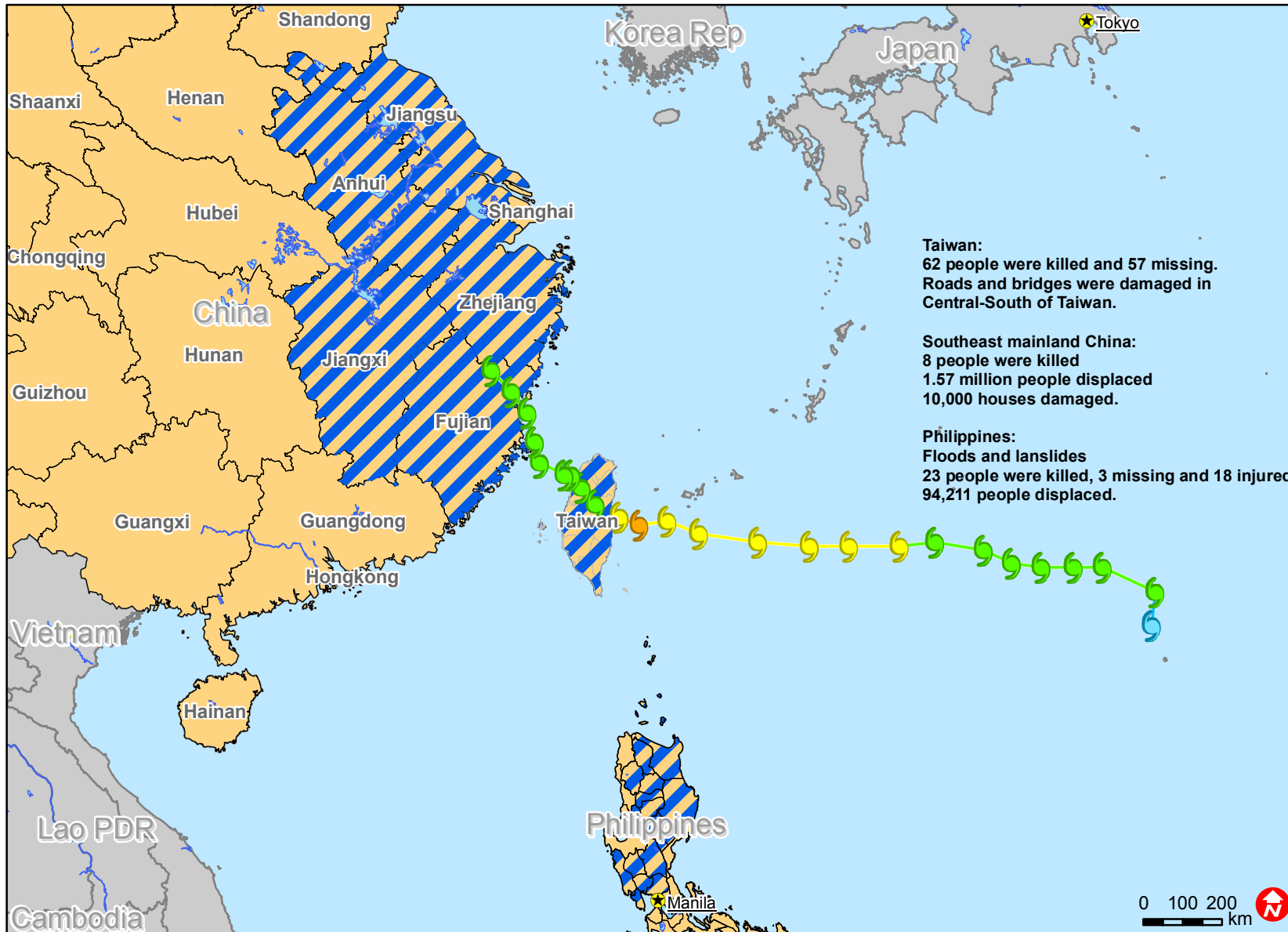
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