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## Philippines: Typhoons

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The Philippines has been struck by Typhoon Nock-Ten (locally known as *Juaning*) that brought heavy rains and flash floods, affecting hundreds of thousands of people in low-lying areas on the eastern coast.

Photo: Maria Badiola/Philippine Red Cross

**Summary:** The Philippines was struck by typhoon Nock-Ten (locally known as *Juaning*) on 27 July, bringing heavy rains and flash floods, affecting hundreds of thousands of people in low-lying areas on the eastern coast of the country. Soon after, tropical depression Muifa (*Kabayan*) did not make landfall but enhanced continuous rains. The combined effect of these events are reported to have killed more than 60 people and affected almost 200,000 families in several provinces of Luzon island.

In response to needs brought about by the combined effect of these weather disturbances, PRC extended its relief and rescue efforts by mobilizing its emergency response units and Red Cross 143 volunteers in affected areas of Central and Northern Luzon, Bicol region and Metro Manila. Life-saving equipment including ambulances, amphibian trucks and rubber boats were put in place should the flooding become worse. Chapters in affected areas provided food and non-food items including blankets, mosquito nets, plastic mats, rice and water containers to at least 3,100 persons.

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## The Situation

Typhoon Nock-Ten (locally known as *Juaning*) was first seen as a low pressure area in 25 July near Catanduanes in Bicol region. Intensifying as a tropical storm the next day, it made landfall on the morning of 27 July in Dinalungan municipality of Aurora province. It slightly weakened as it crossed the island of Luzon and exited on the west coast of the Philippines into the sea as it moved out of the country. The most affected region is the Bicol region, where there were more than 900,000 persons affected and Camarines Sur province was even declared under state of calamity. According to the national disaster risk reduction and management council (NDRRMC), Nock-Ten has left 57 people dead, 51 persons injured, and 24 persons missing. A total of 969,612 persons have been affected of whom 95,301 were housed at 259 evacuation centres. The majority of the remaining people affected are reported to have taken refuge with relatives or friends for the time being.

In addition, the typhoon has resulted in 17 incidents of flooding mainly at Central Luzon (Region 3), CALABARZON (Region 4-A) and Bicol region (Region 5), 15 incidents of landslides and 12 maritime incidents. Lastly, a total of 590 houses have been reported destroyed and 5,600, damaged.

Soon after Typhoon Nock-Ten, Typhoon Muifa (locally known as *Kabayan*) didn't make landfall but brought continuous rains in Central Luzon (region 3), Metro Manila, Western Visayas (Region 6) and Central Visayas (Region 7) resulting in floods, landslides and mishaps at sea. According to NDRRMC, it has affected 642 families, killed four people and injured five. The country's weather agency, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) indicated another active tropical depression on the western coast named Hagibis (locally known as *Lando*) that will bring further rain over Luzon and Visayas island.

**Table 1. Casualties and damages caused by Typhoon Nock-Ten (source: NDRRMC)**

Details	Number (as of 31 July 2011)
Deaths	57
Injured	51
Missing	24
Persons affected <sup>1</sup>	192,698 families (969,612 persons)
Total number of houses damaged	5,631
Total number of houses destroyed	589

**Table no. 2 Number of affected persons/families by Typhoon Nock-Ten in each region (source: NDRRMC)**

Region	No. of persons affected (as of 1 August 2011)
National Capital Region (NCR) – 4 cities	370
Ilocos region (Region 1) – 2 provinces	1,135
Cagayan Valley (Region 2) – 3 provinces	21,982
Central Luzon (Region 3) – 4 provinces	18,988
CALABARZON (Region 4-A) – 2 provinces	2,568
Bicol region (Region 5) – 6 provinces	917,863
Northern Mindanao (Region 10) – 1 province	3,115
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) – 2 provinces	3,591
<b>Total</b>	<b>969,612</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average number per household is five

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Philippine Red Cross (PRC) immediately extended its relief and rescue efforts to affected families in the areas of Central and Northern Luzon, Metro Manila and Bicol region through its emergency response units and Red Cross 143 volunteers.

In addition, life-saving devices such as ambulances, amphibian trucks and rubber boats have been put in place should the flooding became worse. Its operation center is operating 24/7 to continuously monitor the situation. Chapters in affected areas initially provided assorted food and non-food items including blankets, mosquito nets, plastic mats, rice and water containers to at least 3,100 persons in Albay. Assorted food items have also been provided to 200 families in Aurora and Quirino provinces.

To further evaluate the needs on the ground, an assessment team composed of one psychosocial staff and one staff from Valenzuela City chapter has been deployed to Albay.



Red Cross staff and volunteers supported evacuation and rescue efforts of local disaster authorities.  
Photo: Maria Badiola/Philippine Red Cross

### IFRC Philippine country office

On its part, the IFRC Philippine country office has supported PRC in preparing for the worst-case scenario: well-equipped assessment teams and vehicles are on stand-by. A contingency stock of PRC/IFRC relief items, sufficient to meet the needs of 10,000 families, is in place. Both PRC and IFRC are monitoring the situation and coordinating with authorities and agencies concerned. National disaster authorities have set up a technical working group to improve preparedness for natural and man-made disasters. IFRC is a member of this group, which comprises seven government agencies with membership in NDRRMC and six UN or international agencies that are part of the humanitarian country team (HCT). IFRC's participation in the technical working group will improve Red Cross Red Crescent coordination with national and international partners. This will, in turn, enable addressing the needs of crises-affected people in the most effective and efficient manner.

## How we work

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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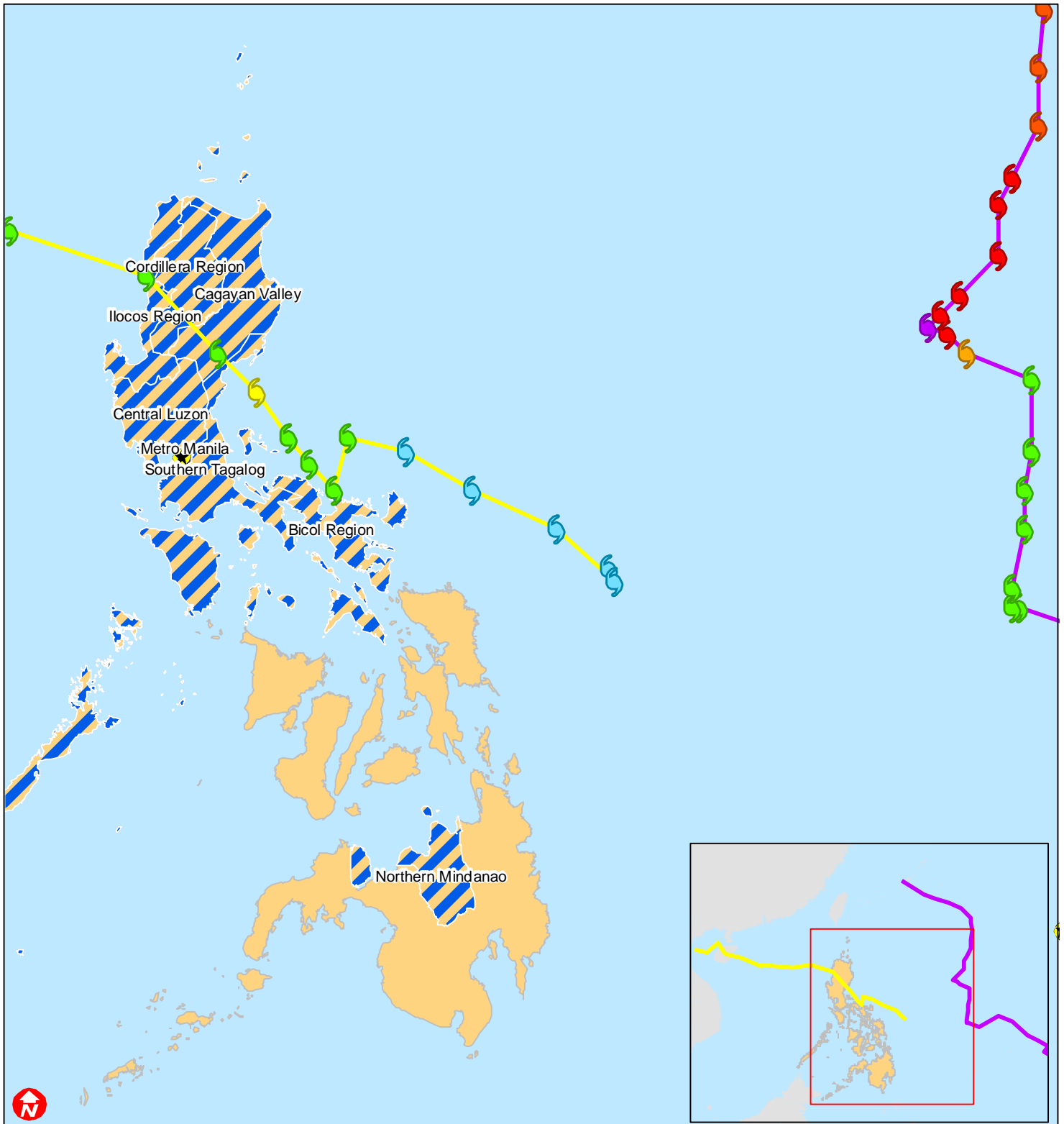
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