

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## PHILIPPINES: TYPHOON XANGSANE: FOCUS ON TYPHOON DURIAN

**Appeal No. MDRPH002**  
**01 December 2006**  
**Glide No. TC-2006-000175-PHL**

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### In Brief

**Operations Update no. 1; Appeal target: CHF 5.70 million (USD 4.56 million or EUR 3.61 million); Appeal coverage: 22.2%; Outstanding needs: CHF 4.43 million (USD 3.55 million or EUR 2.81 million);**  
*([click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website](#)).*

#### Appeal history:

- Preliminary appeal launched on 2 October 2006 for CHF 5,704,261 (USD 4,563,408 or EUR 3,610,292) for three months to assist 126,000 beneficiaries.
- Revised emergency appeal issued on 19 October 2006 extended the operation timeframe to nine months until July 2007. Final report is therefore due October 2006.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated:  
CHF 100,000 for Typhoon Xangsane in October 2006;  
additional CHF 100,000 for Typhoon Durian in December 2006

#### Operational Summary:

Even as the Philippines continues to reel from the fury of typhoon Xangsane, Cimaron and Chebi, typhoon Durian battered the country on 30 November 2006. Casualties are far worse this time, with more than 260 reported dead and the full extent of damage still unknown as communication systems are disrupted in the most affected areas. The Philippine National Red Cross' (PNRC) 24/7 operations centre has been monitoring the path of the typhoon from its beginnings and has deployed two assessment teams by road. To support the national society, the Federation secretariat has released CHF100,000 from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) for initial assessment and relief distribution. As the situation worsens, the Federation secretariat and the PNRC are considering further means of support to the survivors of the typhoon.

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## **The Situation**

At least 260 people are reported dead and many more are trapped by floods and landslides in the latest typhoon (Durian) disaster to strike the Philippines.

Several thousands of families have been evacuated in the Bicol region. It is still unclear whether they will be allowed to return home soon. At least 3,316 families in the provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Quezon, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur and Sorsogon are being provided with temporary shelter by the local authorities.

Typhoon Durian (Philippines name Reming) made landfall in Catanduanes at 12 midnight local time yesterday with sustained winds of 190 kph near the centre and gusts of up to 225 kph. The typhoon wreaked havoc in Catanduanes, Sorsogon, Albay, Mindoro, parts of Camarines Norte and Sur, Marinduque, Mindoro, Batangas and Laguna. It missed Metro Manila by some 80 km and is now on its way towards the South China Sea.

Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) chapters have sent initial damage reports but at this point communication is down with some of the most affected areas, including Catanduanes and Sorsogon. First estimates of damage in these provinces will hopefully be obtained tomorrow (Saturday) when at least the military expect to have reinstalled their HF antennas. Albay is still covered by some 5 feet of water as one dike has given way.

Late Friday it was still raining and secondary effects including landslides are to be expected throughout the affected provinces.

The Philippines has been hit repeatedly recently. On 27 September it was severely hit by Typhoon Xangsane (Philippines name Milenyo), which resulted in the Philippines Red Cross, supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, launching an international emergency appeal.

Within one month Super (category 5) Typhoon Cimaron (Philippines name Paeng) severely damaged homes, schools and health centers in the provinces of Isabela and Aurora. It was quickly followed by typhoon Chebi (Philippines name Queenie), which further affected the same areas as Paeng on 12 November 2006.

For a review of recent operation reports from the Philippines, please [<click here>](#)

## **Red Cross and Red Crescent action**

The Philippine National Red Cross' (PNRC) 24/7 operations centre has been monitoring the path of the typhoon from its beginnings. The disaster management service is collecting information from chapters and is coordinating its response with the national disaster coordinating council, presided over by the Philippine President, Mrs. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

PNRC has deployed two assessment teams by road. Both were on standby since November 29: team one to monitor the impact of the typhoon in the provinces of Sorsogon and Albay; and team two to check on Camarines Sur and Quezon. The teams comprise a team leader and experts in relief, logistics, water and sanitation, and psycho-social support. These teams will provide a comprehensive overview of the damage to allow PNRC to quickly prepare its emergency response. Their findings will inform the national society as to whether it is appropriate to request an additional International Federation appeal or revise the existing one for typhoon Xangsane/Milenyo (still under-funded).

The tactical rescue team was sent to assist those in flooded areas. The 10-member team will staff a first aid station and conduct rescue operations with the help of two rubber boats. More teams will be fielded if incoming damage reports indicate it is appropriate. Red Cross chapters have started packing relief goods for distribution to the most affected families.

The Federation delegation in Manila is closely monitoring the evolving situation and is supporting the activities of the Philippine National Red Cross. An 11-person support team (10 members of the SE Asia regional disaster response team (RDRT) and one member of the Federation's field assessment coordination team (FACT) has been called for to support PNRC colleagues on the ground. Coordination is maintained with the authorities through the

PNRC's full membership in the national disaster coordinating council (NDCC) and the various coordinating councils at the provincial level (PDCC).

**[Contributions list below; click here to return to the title page.](#)**

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

*Global Agenda Goals:*

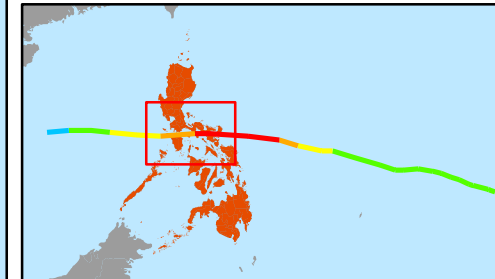
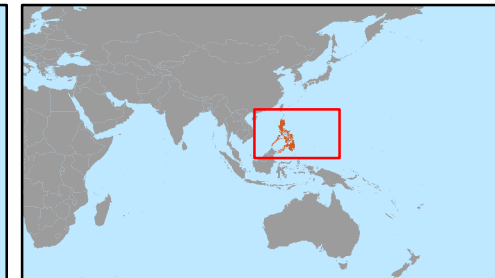
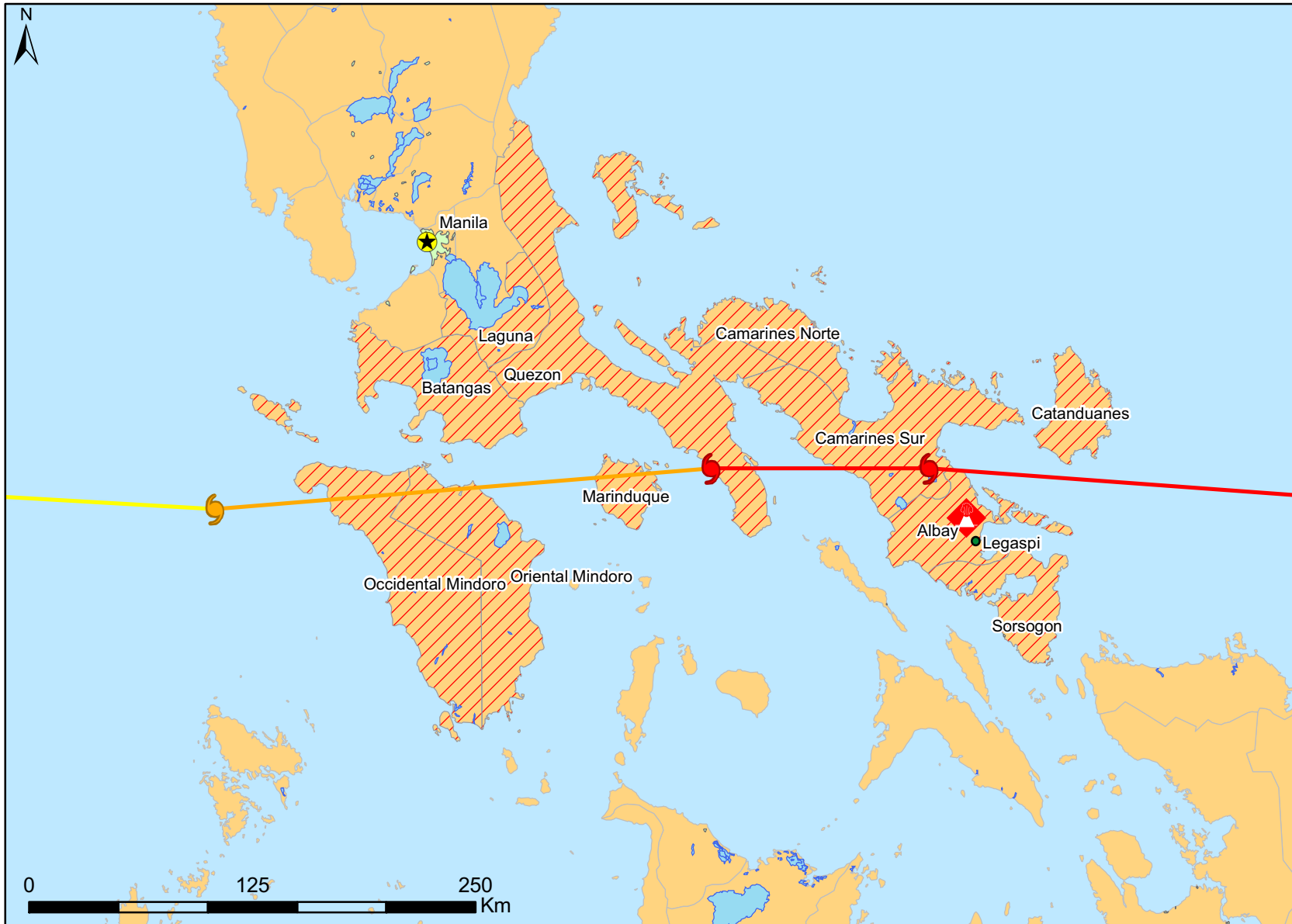
- *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*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

*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 \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

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# Philippines: Typhoon Durian



- Cities
- ★ Capitales
- ◆ Mayon volcano
- ▨ Affected provinces

- Durian**
- Tropical depression
  - Tropical storm
  - Category 1 typhoon
  - Category 2 typhoon
  - Category 3 typhoon
  - Category 4 typhoon
  - Category 5 typhoon

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Map data sources: ESRI, GIST, Federation

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APPEAL No. MDRPH002

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

22/11/2006

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				5,704,261		TOTAL COVERAGE 22.2%
AMERICAN - RC		237,000	USD	296,250	18.10.06	
CANADIAN - GOVT		396,000	CAD	435,600	13.11.06	
JAPANESE - RC		228,200	USD	285,250	01.11.06	
MONACO - RC		10,000	EUR	15,800	10.10.06	
NETHERLANDS - RC		40,000	EUR	63,600	03.11.06	
SWEDISH - RC/GOVT		1,000,000	SEK	171,100	13.10.06	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,267,600	CHF	22.2%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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