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In Brief

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The Situation

A stampede outside a popular Philippines TV game show at the weekend caused 74 deaths and 434 injuries. The injured were treated at 10 different hospitals. Between 25,000 and 30,000 people had flocked to the Philippine Sports Arena, Pasig City, to try their luck at winning several prizes, including one of USD 40,000 during a local TV game show, known as 'Wowowee'. The crowd had begun gathering up to 72 hours before the start of the show, which was marking its first anniversary.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) immediately mobilized its Disaster Response Team (DRT) to assist those involved in the stampede. The DRT helped transport 36 patients to hospital and treated a further 163 people with injuries. Food and water was also given to those in need. The PNRC blood service was also called into action to provide supplies to hospitals. In total, 80 volunteers from Quezon City, Manila, Rizal, and Laguna chapters responded to the tragedy. A help and welfare desk was set up in hospitals as relatives flocked in search of news of missing loved ones. Throughout the operation, PNRC deployed four ambulances, one rescue truck, and six other vehicles. In the aftermath of the disaster, PNRC continued to provide psychosocial support to those affected.