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Highlights

UNHCR relief supplies, provided in support of the work of the clusters in charge of shelter and non-food items, have reached an estimated 64,000 people in areas most affected by Typhoon Haiyan. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, some 1,800 people remain missing while the official death toll stands at 5,500. A total of 13.3 million people were affected by Typhoon Haiyan and some 3.4 million people remain displaced.

- An estimated 60,000 people have left the disaster-affected areas through Tacloban airport and Ormoc seaport, mostly for Cebu and Manila.
- According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) more than 6,000 families that arrived from Tacloban have been registered upon arrival in Manila. Of these, 10 per cent are now in evacuation centres.
- The Protection Cluster is coordinating with other clusters in various locations and participating in assessments. The findings of the Multi-cluster Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) show that some 42% of the affected population has documentation needs and 20% has security fears. The cluster is proposing a second phase of MIRA at the household level.
- The Protection Cluster is working with the Government to address issues relating to the planned closure of some evacuation centres, as well as the relocation of residents who do not have a home to return to or whose homes were in areas that have been declared as “no building zones” by the Government.

Funding

UNHCR's current requirements have been increased to **USD 19.2 million**, following a second request by the Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos for additional plastic sheeting and blankets.

Confirmed contributions	USD
Norway	482,703
CERF	3,002,469
Japan	2,000,000
Private Sector	2,881,054
Total confirmed	8,366,226

Current level of funding : 43.5 %

Protection Cluster

The Protection Cluster presented its work at an inter-cluster meeting on 25 Nov. in Manila, which includes: the development of a national protection strategy, the registration projects at points of departure for persons in movement, the promotion of more female police, the training of police and military on human rights, the strategic distribution of tents to allow public buildings to be re-used, and future plans for birth registration and documentation projects.

Tacloban:

- The Protection Cluster detected and prevented a possible case of trafficking at Tacloban airport, through the recently established registration and monitoring project.
- The Protection Cluster was instrumental in providing a set of questions to be included in the DSWD surveys in evacuation centres, which will be carried out weekly.
- The Government authorities have advised the Protection Cluster of the need to reopen the schools as of 15 January. Alternative solutions will have to be found for displaced persons currently hosted in these schools.

Guiuan:

- The Protection Cluster is actively following up on the situation of persons with specific needs, including separated children. School tents for children was identified as an urgent need.
- The protection cluster visited two of the most affected areas in Salcedo, Cantomoja and Cagaut. Incidents of insecurity and looting were reported, as well as issues related to sanitation.
- The population of the tented city has grown to 99 families, as another evacuation center is scheduled to close tomorrow. Some residents of the evacuation centre are reportedly going home, while others are joining the tent city.

Ormoc :

- The Protection Cluster migration registration project began at Ormoc seaport with registration by IOM and DSWD.
- The local government has decided to open schools on 2 Dec. and 1,900 families hosted in evacuation centres located in schools are concerned as they will have to return home or be relocated. Issues of property rights are coming up as some residents claim their landlords are not allowing them to reconstruct their homes.
- The first Protection Cluster meeting on 25 Nov. was attended by Save the Children, IsraAid, IOM, WHO, OCHA, UNDAC, Child Fund and CFSI. Some worrying trends were highlighted such as the increased tendency of children begging for help on roads from Tacloban to Ormoc and some other parts of Leyte; the need for more reporting on gender violence incidents, protection monitoring and loss of documentation; the need for psychosocial and geriatric care.
- An assessment mission of the protection cluster took place to the towns of Tabango and Villaba, highlighting protection issues such as lack of proper roofing, lack of privacy for women and girls, cases of diarrhea, exposure of vulnerable persons to sickness and malnutrition.
- The priorities for the Protection Cluster are: information dissemination to affected people on the assistance, procedures, eligibility and rights to access to assistance and protection; strengthening the family tracing system; setting up a humanitarian communication system which could provide information on assistance to the affected population through the use of dedicated helplines; training and capacity building of law enforcement agencies and all humanitarian actors and assisting the Government to restore the referral pathways and protocols.



Protection Cluster registration project at Tacloban airport. The tents are used as waiting areas for the most vulnerable : the disabled, those with medical conditions, the elderly, women with babies. The project, organised in conjunction with local authorities and IOM, helps prevent incidents of trafficking. / UNHCR

Roxas:

- The preliminary findings of the Multi-cluster Initial Rapid Assessment for Aklan, Capiz and North Iloilo were released. The pressing needs of the population are loss of documentation, lack of communication among family members, and persons with specific needs (people with physical disability, elderly, single-headed households, single women).
- The total figure of affected persons in the 6 provinces covered by Roxas remains high at some 2.7 million. People are moving out of the evacuation centres voluntarily, with only 9 centres remaining open out of 645, because they prefer to return home and because classes have resumed in some schools. This will raise other issues which the Protection Cluster is looking at, such as access and assistance upon return.

Airlift—Summary of items sent

Items that have reached Cebu on flights and trucks from Cotabato include: 60,200 blankets, 10,000 tents, 40,200 plastic sheets, 34,600 jerry cans and 15,900 kitchen sets, among others.

Furthermore, 18,000 plastic sheets, 9,000 solar lanterns, as well as the additional plastic sheeting and blankets requested by the Emergency Relief Coordinator are in the pipeline.

Aid distribution

UNHCR is cooperating with the government, the Shelter and Logistics Clusters, and other agencies as well as bilateral aid providers, to ensure that aid effectively reaches the affected populations and in particular those with specific needs. The port of Bolan is dedicated to humanitarian cargo, thereby facilitating the transport of goods from Manila to affected areas. Dispatch from Cebu to Tacloban and other hubs is continuing by trucks and barges and from the hubs to many of the communities in need.

*To date, UNHCR has assisted an estimated **64,000 people** in Tanauan, San Jose (in Leyte province), Ormoc, Guiuan, Northern Cebu and Tacloban, and provided support to local authorities and other clusters. UNHCR assistance includes tents, blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheeting, mosquito nets, sleeping mats and kitchen sets.*

Staff deployments/re-deployments

A total of 43 UNHCR staff have been deployed/re-deployed to support the emergency response.

UNHCR now has 19 staff in Manila, 8 in Cebu, 7 in Tacloban, 4 in Ormoc, 4 in Guiuan and 1 in Roxas.

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