

PHILIPPINES : TYPHOON HAIYAN EXTERNAL UPDATE #3



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Highlights

The number of people affected by Typhoon Haiyan is now estimated at 11.3 million, including some 920,000 displaced. Authorities say the official number of victims stands at 3,600 but is likely to be higher.

- UNHCR's first aid delivery has reached some 7,000 people in a very badly-damaged municipality called Tanauan, 45 minutes outside Tacloban. The aid was distributed through local authorities and included 2000 jerry cans, 1400 hygiene kits 600 mosquito nets, 1176 kitchen items, 1400 plastic sheets 1400 blankets and 1900 sleeping mats, released from our warehouses in Cotabato (Mindanao).
- Two planes have landed in Cebu carrying much-needed relief items which are being transported onward toward Tacloban and areas surrounding Tacloban where the needs are most pressing. Third plane is expected tomorrow and 3 more planes are in the pipeline. (see below for details of items sent / to be sent)
- Protection Cluster held its first meeting in Manila and agreed on a list of most pressing issues.

Funding

UNHCR's total requirements under the UN inter-agency Action Plan amount to USD 10 million.

Confirmed contributions	USD
Norway	510,899
Japan	2,000,000
Private Sector	1,700,000
Total	4,210,899

Trucks / Airlift to Cebu

Below is a summary of items that have reached Cebu on 14/15 November in the first three planes + two trucks from Cotabato :

Summary of sent items:

QTY	DESCRIPTION **
47,400	Blanket, Fleece Medium Thermal
20	Emergency Travel Kit
3,000	Family tent
1,400	Hygiene Kits
18,000	Jerrycan, Semi-collapsible 10L
1,176	Kitchen Sets
20	Mosquito Net Dome
600	Mosquito Nets
300	Plastic roll, 4 x 50 M
17,400	Plastic Sheet, 4 x 5 M
1,900	Sleeping Mats



First airlift brings family-sized tents to survivors of Typhoon Haiyan. UNHCR / V. Tan

Additional items to be sent in the next three planes include : 13,000 kitchen sets, 16,000 jerry cans, 2,000 tents, 500 rolls of plastic sheeting, 1,000 plastic sheets, 9,000 solar lanterns, and 5 vehicles.

Staff deployments

Below is a summary of staff (international and national) deployed or re-deployed to date :

	Arrived	On route	mobilized	On stand-by	Total
International	5	2	3	4	14
From the Philip-pines	10				10
Total	15	2	3	4	24

This includes an additional three international staff ar to be deployed in the next few days, in supply / logistics and information management in support of data collecting and information gathering for the Protection Cluster.

Protection Cluster and support to other clusters

- The Protection Cluster held its first meeting in Manila today, led by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines and co-led by UNHCR. 12 organisations attended, including UNICEF (co-lead sub-cluster on Child Proteciton), UNFPA (co-lead sub-cluster on SGBV), ICRC, Oxfam, Handicap Intl and World Vision. Cluster members identified and agreed on priority list of action, which includes:

Tracing of families, dignified burial of the dead according to WHO protocol, distribution of aid (targeting and mainstreaming protection concerns into it), integration of vulnerability criteria in the planning, ongoing internal movement of people leaving disaster areas, reducing the risk of trafficking and exploitation, growing protection risks related to the disruption of services, and land and property rights issues.

Common messages are being prepared.

Shelter Cluster

- IFRC is convening the Shelter Cluster in support of the government lead, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).
- UNHCR, as co-lead at the global level has supported IFRC through the deployment of a global focal point for coordination that has integrated the in-country shelter cluster coordination team.
- UNHCR has provided remote support to the country team in terms of advocacy and communications.
- UNHCR has contributed to establishing the Shelter Cluster website, which was created immediately to respond to the emergency. In addition, communication and advocacy materials were developed. The site also includes key shelter messages, a visual one-pager summarizing the shelter situation, the production of an interview with the in-country cluster coordinator, social media monitoring, and twitter updates.

Camp Management and Camp Coordination Cluster

IOM, as the agency responsible for CCCM cluster leadership in natural disasters, is co-leading the Cluster in the Philippines with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Seven cluster coordination, needs assessment and IM staff have already been deployed in support of the existing structures for CCCM coordination, and response activities, with others remaining on stand-by. The UNHCR Global CCCM Cluster colleagues have been in daily communication with our counterparts at IOM in regards to the humanitarian response and have committed to support them as required with the CCCM Rapid Response Team on stand-by. UNHCR is also providing remote support for advocacy and communication through sharing CCCM response messaging on the cluster website (www.globalccmcluster.org) and social media.

Information Management

UNHCR currently has one in-country local staff Information Management Officer who is currently on mission in disaster-affected zones. UNHCR is rapidly deploying a second international Information Management Officer through its emergency response mechanism.

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