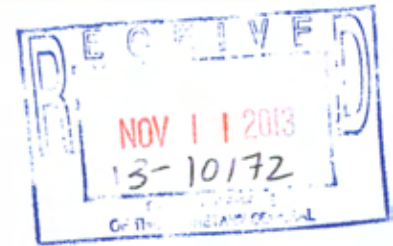


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Note to the Secretary-General

UPDATE ON TYPHOON HAIYAN



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1. Since my note of 8 November, new information has revealed the catastrophic impact of Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) on the Philippines. While the official death toll remains at about 230 people, media reports indicate that more than 10,000 people have been killed in Leyte Province alone. Dead bodies and debris continue to block roads in affected areas and hundreds of bodies are reportedly still floating at sea. At least 9.5 million people have been affected by the typhoon in nine regions of the Philippines. Hospitals are full and many health centres are closed or have been looted. Agricultural damage is thought to be extensive in areas heavily dependent on crops for food security. OCHA/UNDAC teams which have travelled to accessible areas in Tacloban City, Leyte Province, and Iloilo Province report large-scale destruction akin to that seen following the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. 10/11/13

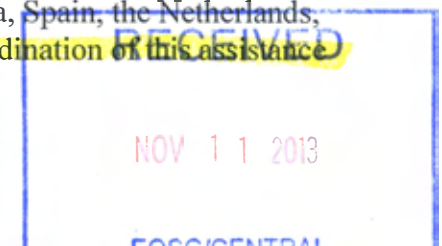
2. There are still several areas from which no information has been received, including Cebu Province (Philippines Red Cross assessment team en route), Roxas in Capiz Province (OCHA/UNDAC assessment team en route), Negros Occidental Province and Palawan province. As information is received from these areas in the coming days, the number of people affected and the death toll are expected to continue to rise.

3. The Government is shocked and overwhelmed by the magnitude of this crisis and formally accepted the United Nations' offer of assistance on 9 November. The Government has emphasized that the response must begin immediately and that time should not be lost debating and assessing the very obvious and immediate needs. The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and Philippines Red Cross are mobilizing a large-scale emergency response to provide temporary shelter for the displaced, and to get food, essential non-food items and clean water to the worst-affected areas. Debris clearing and restoration of electricity and communications are also top priorities. The HCT is establishing four field hubs and is working on a Flash Appeal, with a planned launch date of 12 November. UN agencies, funds and programmes and NGOs are deploying experienced staff on surge, dispatching life-saving supplies and releasing emergency funds.

4. There are significant logistical and access challenges to the response, with many airports and seaports damaged and closed to commercial traffic. The Philippines Armed Forces have requested support for the installation of emergency lights in four airport runways (Tacloban City, Iloilo City, Roxas City and Busuanga) to facilitate 24hr delivery of relief supplies. Security is also an issue, with reports of armed individuals and groups roaming the streets and aid convoys being looted. Given the challenging conditions for colleagues in the field, I have requested the immediate deployment of International Humanitarian Partnership assets, including a base camp.

5. As the full scale of the disaster becomes known, an increasing number of countries are offering bilateral assistance, including military assets. These include the US, Russia, New Zealand, Korea, France, UK while Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia are also considering military support. Funding is also coming in from Canada, Spain, the Netherlands, Australia, and personnel from Switzerland and Germany. Good coordination of this assistance

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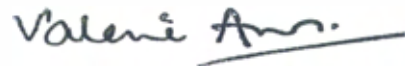


in the coming days will be crucial. OCHA's Head of the UNDAC Team is a civil-military coordination expert and WFP is deploying its Regional Civil-Military Advisor tomorrow.

6. This morning OCHA's Operations Director, John Ging, chaired a meeting of the IASC Emergency Directors to share information and coordinate the response. Several organisations have already held internal discussions to classify the crisis, while other internal discussions are expected to be completed tomorrow. OCHA, WHO, World Vision, Save the Children, UNHCR have graded and/or are treating the crisis as an internal "Level 3" (ie highest level of response). The HC is currently seeking feedback from the Government on its possible reaction to the activation of an IASC system-wide emergency response ("L3") and I will chair a meeting of the IASC Principals tomorrow on this issue. In the meantime, I will make an initial allocation from the Central Emergency Response Fund tomorrow and plan to travel to the Philippines on Tuesday to see the situation first-hand and offer support to the Government.

7. Cyclone Haiyan has since weakened to a Category One storm but reportedly still carries sustained winds of up to 140kph. It made landfall in Vietnam just a few hours ago. The UN Vietnam Disaster Management Team is activated and the Government has pre-emptively evacuated over 600,000 people. OCHA has deployed a staff member from its Regional Office to support the response.

8. I will keep you updated on the outcome of the IASC Principals meeting tomorrow and as further information on the situation becomes available.



Valerie Amos
10 November 2013

cc. Ms. Clark
Mr. Eliasson
Mr. Feltman
Ms. Malcorra

Philippines: Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) Landfall

as of 08 Nov 2013 5pm



Legend

- Major Cities
- TY Haiyan track**
 - Typhoon > 150 mph
 - Typhoon > 74mph
 - Province boundary
- Municipal Population**
 - < 50,000
 - 50,000 - 100,000
 - 100,000 - 200,000
 - 200,000 - 500,000
 - > 500,000

Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale	
Category	Wind speeds
Five	≥ 79 m/s, ≥ 137 knots ≥ 157 mph, ≥ 252 km/h
Four	58–70 m/s, 113–136 knots 130–156 mph, 209–251 km/h
Three	50–58 m/s, 96–112 knots 111–129 mph, 178–208 km/h
Two	43–49 m/s, 83–95 knots 96–110 mph, 154–177 km/h
One	33–42 m/s, 64–82 knots 74–95 mph, 119–153 km/h
Additional classifications	
Tropical storm	18–32 m/s, 35–63 knots 39–73 mph, 63–118 km/h
Tropical depression	< 17 m/s, < 34 knots < 38 mph, < 62 km/h

Total Provincial 2010 Population within the 200km diameter rainband of projected path	
REGION IV-B (MIMAROPA)	
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO	452,971
ORIENTAL MINDORO	785,602
ROMBLON	283,930
PALAWAN	771,667
REGION V (Bicol Region)	
SORSOGON	740,743
MASBATE	834,650
REGION VI (Western Visayas)	
CAPIZ	719,685
AKLAN	535,725
ANTIQUE	546,031
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL	2,396,039
ILOILO	1,805,576
REGION VII (Central Visayas)	
CEBU	2,619,362
REGION VIII (Eastern Visayas)	
SOUTHERN LEYTE	399,137
EASTERN SAMAR	428,877
NORTHERN SAMAR	589,013
SAMAR (WESTERN SAMAR)	733,377
LEYTE	1,567,984
BILIRAN	161,760
REGION XIII (Caraga)	
SURIGAO DEL NORTE	442,588
DINAGAT ISLANDS	126,803

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