

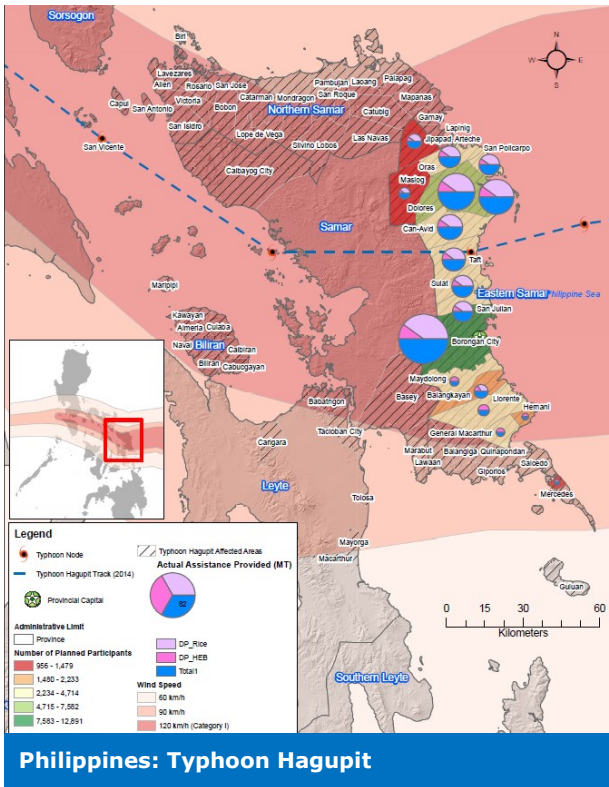


WFP offloads high-energy biscuits from its warehouse to be transported to Eastern Visayas.



World Food Programme

Country: Philippines Typhoon Hagupit



Highlights

- Typhoon Hagupit (local name Ruby) is now out of the Philippine Area of Responsibility. It made four landfalls in the country, the first one near Dolores, Eastern Samar on 6 December, before exiting on 10 December. At least 19 were confirmed dead as a result of the typhoon.
- The Government of the Philippines has not officially requested for international assistance. It has activated its Response Clusters System, and WFP is providing support in terms of Food and Non-Food Items (NFIs), Logistics, and Emergency Telecommunications.
- WFP has finalized an Immediate Response Emergency Operation (IR-EMOP) worth US\$1 million. The three-month operation is aimed at addressing the priority needs of some 360,000 people affected by the typhoon through general food distribution of rice and high-energy biscuits (HEBs) and cash transfers.
- Distribution of HEBs to an estimated 300,000 beneficiaries started today in 17 municipalities in Eastern Samar.

In numbers

2,915,262 people affected
868,624 people displaced

Funding Requirements:

US\$1.0 million

WFP

Food Security Cluster

Not activated.



ETC Cluster

Not activated.



Logistics Cluster

Not activated.

Situation Update

- The typhoon is now out of the country, and the Government has conducted a Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment to determine the actual impact of the disaster, and the scale of assistance and response that will be required. The results are expected to be released today.
- The Government leads the relief operations, and the humanitarian community is providing support through the Response Clusters system to augment their capacity.
- The Government has completed the first wave of family food pack distribution (which included rice, canned meat, canned sardines, noodles and coffee) to 23 municipalities in Eastern Samar, which was the hardest hit province.

WFP Response

- The Government has officially requested WFP for logistics support and provision of additional food

and NFIs. WFP continues to liaise with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to ensure needs are fulfilled.

- In addition to food distribution, WFP is also looking to implement unconditional and conditional cash transfers in January 2015, leveraging on DSWD's social safety net program (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4Ps) for the poor households in the affected areas. WFP also plans to reach vulnerable households not under the 4Ps platform.
- WFP has deployed staff to Cebu to coordinate with the Government's One-Stop Shop (logistics base), and a fully inclusive team to Borongan, Eastern Samar to conduct rapid assessments and facilitate the monitoring of initial food distributions in the area.



Food Assistance

- As requested by DSWD, WFP is providing 600mt of rice and 100mt of HEBs to supplement the family food package.



Logistics

- WFP has prepositioned food, NFIs and logistics assets in its strategic warehouses in Manila, Cebu and Cotabato.
- As of 12 December, WFP has completed the delivery of a total of 30mt of HEBs and 100mt of rice to Tacloban and Borongan. Additional 100mt of rice and 68mt of HEBs are on the way from Manila as well as 60mt of rice from Cebu. The remaining quantities of rice will be delivered from the National Food Authority warehouse in Tacloban in the next few days.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

- The Global Food Security Cluster has not been activated. In support of the Government's Food and Non-Food Items Cluster, WFP is providing a total of 600mt of rice and 100mt of HEBs for the typhoon-affected areas.



Logistics Cluster

- The Global Logistics Cluster has not been activated. WFP is providing logistics coordination and assistance to the Government-led response on a bilateral basis, supplemented with sectorial coordination meetings between partners and

information products issued to enhance the response and information sharing.

- WFP is providing trucks to DSWD for the transport of food, family packs, and other relief items from Manila, Cebu, Tacloban and Borongan. As of 11 December, a total of 55 trucks has been provided to DSWD to assist in the delivery of family food packs in five regions.
- Equipment for storage and the preparation of relief items have been provided to the Government including two mobile storage units (MSUs) delivered to DSWD-NROC and an additional two MSUs and two generator sets to Borongan. Office accommodation, one MSU and two forklifts have also been positioned at the Mactan Cebu International Airport.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The Global ETC has not been activated. WFP as the lead agency continues to offer common services to the Government and the humanitarian community.
- WFP on 7 December provided ten satellite phones to DSWD.

Partnerships

- Meetings with potential national and international NGO partners, who have expressed interest in partnering with WFP for the implementation and monitoring of the activities, have started.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently working on resourcing for the IR-EMOP valued at US\$1 million.

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