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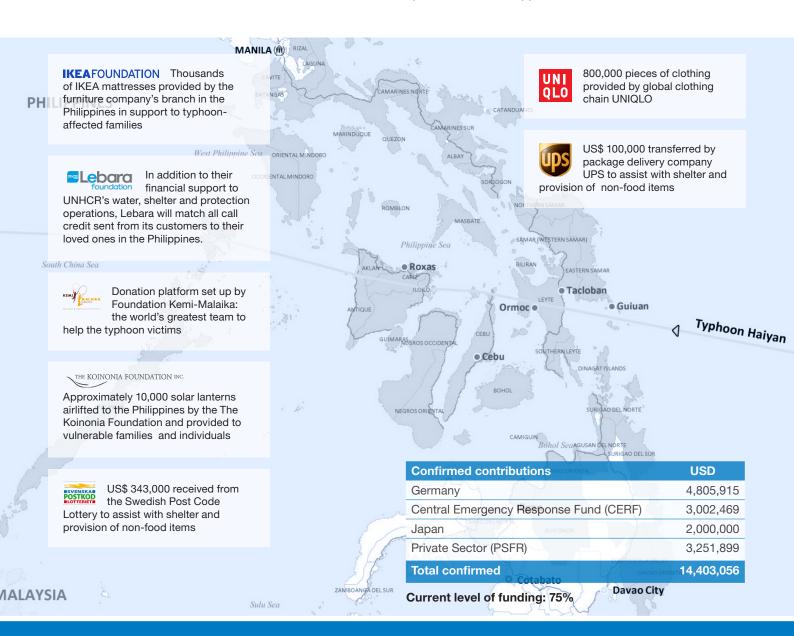
Pulling together for maximum impact in the Philippines

UNHCR relief supplies have reached an estimated 275,000 people in areas most affected by Typhoon Haiyan that struck on November 8, 2013.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, some 1,800 people remain missing while the official death toll stands at 5,600. A total of 14.9 million people were affected and an estimated 4.1 million people remain displaced.

We are working on clearing the debris to reach inaccessible areas, converting fallen trees into lumber that is used to rebuild homes. Cots and foldable bed camps are needed for aid workers in areas where no hotels are available. Outstanding emergency response items include assorted carpentry tools, rubber boots and multi-purpose gloves.

UNHCR extends its deep appreciation to the corporations listed below for their invaluable support to the agency's operations in the Philippines to date:



UNHCR expresses gratitude to:

AC Milan, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA), Banco Espirito Santo Angola, Band Aid, Bouamatou Foundation, Care and Aid Foundation, Center for International Migration and Integration, CESVI, Citi, Consiglio Italiano per I Rifugiati, Danish Refugee Council, Divac Foundation, Dutch Postcode Lottery, Educate A Child, Fast Retailing Co. Ltd. (UNIQLO), Fondation Kemi-Malaika, Fuji Optical, Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher bint Mohammed Bin Sultan Al Qassimi, Hewlett-Packard, IKEA Foundation, International Olympic Committee, Intervida, One Billion Strong, Islamic Relief US, Jochnick Foundation, Jolie-Pitt Foundation, Khaled Hosseini Foundation, Lebara, Microsoft, Morneau Shepell, Norwegian Refugee Council, Novartis Foundation, Pam Omidyar, Prosolidar Foundation, Qatar Charity, Redes Energeticas Nacionals, RedR, Said Foundation, SAP MENA, ShelterBox, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Stichtling Vluchteling, Swedish Postcode Lottery, The Koinonia Foundation, TOMS Shoes, Turing Foundation, United Nations Foundation, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships, UPS, Western Union, World Assembly of Muslim Youth.

UNHCR and New York Private Sector Leadership

New York City is strategically important in shaping public opinion and building leadership giving platforms in the United States. On November 6, 2013, UNHCR High Commissioner António Guterres gave the Annual UNHCR Report to the United Nations' Third Committee.

As part of his mission to New York, the High Commissioner attended a dinner discussion with leaders from the private sector. The hosts were Maureen White, former Senior Advisor for Humanitarian Affairs under U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Steven Rattner Chairman of Willett Advisors, an investment firm managing, among others, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's personal and philanthropic assets.

Others who joined were Arthur Sulzberger, Jr. (Chairman of the New York Times Company), Harvey Weinstein (Chairman of Miramax Films) and Craig Johnstone (former UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner and Board Member of USA for UNHCR).

Discussions centered on Syria and the growing demands on UNHCR to meet the humanitarian need. Guterres highlighted the need for leadership and the importance of strategic private sector partnerships, such as, the Educate A Child agreement through the Office of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar. The evening was a unique opportunity for key New York business leaders to hear firsthand from the High Commissioner and to become engaged in building support for immediate and longer term humanitarian imperatives.

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Syria's refugee children showing alarming distress

According to UNHCR's latest report on the crisis facing Syria's refugee children, alarming rates of distress are found among children, with thousands living alone or separated from their parents, many out of school, and reports of extensive child labour.

Over 1.1 million Syrian children have been registered as refugees with UNHCR. Of this number, some 75% are under the age of 12. The majority live in Syria's neighbouring countries, with Jordan and Lebanon hosting more than 60% of all Syrian refugee children. Despite the difficult conditions in which children live, Syrian refugees are demonstrating incredible strength and resilience, finding creative solutions to the issues they face and providing support to their families, friends and strangers. UNHCR and its partners are providing crucial support to governments, working to protect and assist Syrian children, and restore a sense of normalcy in their lives.

Read report > http://unhcr.org/FutureOfSyria/

On-board Qatar Airways Premium Magazine January 2014 featuring the Educate A Child and UNHCR partnership - ensuring quality primary education to 9,522 refugee children in Syria, as part of UNHCR's wider education project for refugees living in Syria.

"As the holiday season approaches, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued partnership. 2013 was an enormously challenging year for UNHCR and the humanitarian community in general, and your collaboration and support to UNHCR's activities was extraordinary. May your holiday season and the New Year be filled with much joy, happiness and success. We look forward to working with you in the coming year and hope our relationship continues for many years to come."

For six decades, UNHCR has helped save lives, restore hope and rebuild futures. As we strive to bring protection and solutions to millions of refugees around the world, some of the world's leading companies are helping us have maximum impact, providing an opportunity for collaborating together on initiatives that serve both their social and business interests. See UNHCR Global Report 2012

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