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Highlights

The number of people affected by Typhoon Haiyan is now estimated at 13 million, including some 3,9 million displaced (349,000 of them in 1,539 evacuation centres). This includes people having lost their homes, looking for family members, converging toward hubs where aid is available (Tacloban, Ormoc, Guiuan) or heading toward the country's main airports in an attempt to join family members or fly out of the country.

- UNHCR has deployed teams to **Guiuan** and **Ormoc** to set up the **protection cluster** and start the delivery of humanitarian aid. The UNHCR Snr. Protection Cluster co-lead coordinates with cluster members and other clusters in Tacloban to ensure that protection focus is applied in all aspects of aid delivery.
- **Staff deployments** to the Philippines emergency continue with **8** international staff deployed to date (+3 en route), and **9** scheduled for a second wave of deployments, with a focus on protection / field staff.
- Aid supplies are moving from Cebu to Tacloban. Distribution of relief items continues in and around Tacloban with approx. **15,000 people reached** so far.



Funding

In response to the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos' request, UNHCR has increased its total requirements to **USD 15 million** and is preparing an Appeal reflecting this increase.

Confirmed contributions	USD
Norway	510,899
Japan	2,000,000
CERF	3,002,469
Private Sector	2,343,579
Total confirmed	7,856,947

Current requirements are **52% funded**.

*Distribution of blankets, hygiene kits, plastic sheeting and kitchen sets in Tanuan, one of the worst hit municipalities close to Tacloban, on 15 Nov.
UNHCR/K.Eleazer*

Main developments

- **Displacement:** more people are leaving the disaster affected areas in search of aid, causing the number of displaced to increase day by day. The displaced persons converge towards Manila and Cebu, many without provisions or any place to go.
- **Hubs:** main logistical hub remains at **Cebu** in Cebu Province. First point of delivery for UNHCR aid has been at **Tacloban** in Leyte Province. The main focus of UNHCR's aid continues to be on **Leyte** (including Tacloban and Ormoc), **Guiuan and the Eastern coast of Samar Province** (all east of Cebu) as well as **Panay** island (Roxas), west of Cebu).

Protection Cluster

The Protection Cluster held its first meeting in Manila on 15 November (see External Update #3 for details of issues identified as high priority issues). The next Protection Cluster meeting is scheduled to be held this week.

- The **protection cluster** was established in Tacloban on 17 November, with the arrival of the Snr. Protection Co-lead. He held a number of meetings with cluster members as well as other cluster leads, thus ensuring the mainstreaming of protection concerns into the activities of other clusters. He also met with local counterpart DSWD and the local Director of the Commission for Human rights. Distribution guidelines were discussed. These will be based on the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. The Protection Cluster can provide training on these guidelines, once the situation has become more stable.
- **Persons with special needs** will be prioritized as recipients of aid, in particular lactating women, children, the elderly and disabled; potential threats or violations with regard to minority groups such as indigenous people were considered.
- On 18 November, two UNHCR teams, each comprising a Protection Officer, national field officer and a driver, accompanied by a truck with 7 barrels of fuel, traveled to the two hubs being set up in **Guiuan** and **Ormoc**, with a view to establish a protection cluster in these hubs and start planning for the delivery of aid.
- The ICRC has initiated its “Re-establishing Family Link” program. **Family tracing** and reunification commenced in the municipalities of Basey and Marabut (Western Samar) through satellite phones provided by SMART.
- The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office in Western Samar convened the Child Protection Working Group.

Aid distribution

UNHCR is coordinating with the government, WFP and other agencies, as well as bilateral aid providers, to ensure that aid effectively reaches the affected populations as soon as possible. Urgent steps are being taken to unblock current bottlenecks, such as the crossing from Luzon island to Northern Samar as well as the dispatch from Cebu to Tacloban, in particular through renting of additional barges and trucks. Below are some of the actions undertaken to decongest Cebu airport and dispatch aid as quickly as possible:

- On 17 Nov. UNHCR distributed 1,160 plastic sheets and 120 blankets distributed to Barangay 88 — one of the hardest hit villages in Tacloban. It was distributed 5 hours after receiving it at the airport. Further needs for this barangay include 500 tents and an additional 2,840 plastic sheets to help protect the people against the rain and the sun.
- On 18 November, South Korean C130 delivered 720 UNHCR Tarpaulins to Tacloban City.
- UNHCR is delivering 2,217 tents, 12,540 blankets, and 1,165 plastic sheets to Tacloban City.
- Barge with loaded 11 UNHCR trucks to cross over from Cebu to Tacloban on Tuesday, were expected to arrive in Tacloban Wednesday afternoon.

Date	Source	Aid distributed	Location / Actor	Beneficiaries
14/15 Nov.	In country stocks Mindanao	2,000 kitchen sets, 1,400 hygiene kits, 600 mosquito nets, 1,400 plastic sheets 1,400 blankets, 1,900 sleeping mats	Tanauan	7,000 people
16 Nov.	Locally procured	15 Tents, 100 cots and mattresses	Tacloban	DSWD
17 Nov.	1-2 Airlift	69 Family tents,	Tanauan	7,000 people
		1,160 plastic sheets, 120 blankets	Barangay 88, Tacloban	
		15 Tents	DSWD Tacloban	
		25 plastic sheets	Dep. of Health	
		5 plastic sheets	Canadian Red Cross	
Total		2,000 kitchen sets, 1,400 hygiene kits, 2,610 plastic sheets, 1,520 blankets, 1,900 mats, 74 tents.		14,000 people

Airlift—summary of items sent

Below is a summary of items that have reached Cebu on the first three flights + trucks from Cotabato. Planes 4,5 and 6 are scheduled to land on 19 Nov. in Cebu. Three additional flights are scheduled thereafter.

Summary of sent items:

QTY	DESCRIPTION **
47,400	Blanket, Fleece Medium Thermal
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



Trucks at Cebu airport transporting goods onward to Tacloban.
UNHCR / J.Andersson

Additional items scheduled to be sent in the next six planes include : 66,000 blankets, 7,053 tents, 50,000 plastic sheets, 16,274 jerrycans, 700 plastic rolls, 16,000 kitchen sets, 9,000 solar lanterns and 5 vehicles.

Staff deployments / re-deployments

Below is a summary of international and national deployments / re-deployments to date

	Total staff	In Manila	In Cebu	In Tacloban	Elsewhere
UNHCR Manila	16	14	1	1	
UNHCR Cotabato	16	1	4	5	5 Cotabato 1 Davao
International deployments	8	1	4	3	
TOTAL	42	18	9	9	6
Locally hired	16 (in process)				

National staff : **16** new national staff are being recruited.

International staff: deployments include 4 Protection staff incl. Snr. Protection Cluster Coordinator, Admin/Programme, Supply, External Relations and Public Information staff.

In addition to the above, **3** international staff are on their way (Information Management, Supply and PI), and **9** additional support staff are being identified for deployment, with an emphasis on protection.

UNHCR currently has : 18 staff in Manila, 9 staff in Cebu, 9 staff in Tacloban (plus 5 in Cotabato and 1 in Davao).

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Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Emergency: KEY PROTECTION MESSAGES

Existing vulnerabilities exacerbated and specific needs emerging:

The people in the Philippines have had to face a series of natural disasters of unprecedented scale. Typhoon Haiyan's intensity and destruction has devastated the lives of millions of people. With glaring scarcity of basic services and essential items, such as food, water, shelter and blankets, and the destruction of much of the infrastructure, most people are struggling to access humanitarian assistance. The specific needs of persons at particular risk. For instance, elderly, infants, pregnant women or disabled people, need to be prioritized during this critical phase of the emergency humanitarian response to ensure that they have equal access to appropriate services and assistance.

Physical security and prevention of abuses:

There is urgent need to support the Government's efforts in restoring law and order and ensuring effective physical protection against violence and criminal behaviour. This includes taking concrete steps to prevent sexual violence, exploitation and abuse of those most at risk, including children. Of concern are distribution centres and transit areas/ evacuation centres where there is a risk of outbreaks of violence as desperate people gather to receive assistance, resulting in increased tension and potential violent altercations.

Increasing Displacement:

At the moment hundreds of thousands are unable to return to their homes and are stranded without the usual support of communities which themselves are displaced, separated, and fractured. Displacement is a compounding challenge for women, children, indigenous people and older or disabled persons, exposing them to extreme weather and threats from a deteriorated security environment."

Please consult the gpc@unhcr.org for regular updates by the Protection cluster in the Philippines on critical needs of displaced and affected persons, including.

Current Updates from the Protection Cluster in the Philippines responding to Typhoon Haiyan Emergency:

[Protection Cluster in Cebu Haiyan Typhoon Update No. 3](#)

[Protection Cluster in Cebu Haiyan Typhoon Update No. 4](#)

[Protection Cluster in Cebu Haiyan Typhoon Update No.5](#)

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