

Alert

Philippines

Typhoon Koppu hits Central & Northern Philippines

Geneva, 20 October 2015

1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

Typhoon Koppu made landfall over Casiguran, Aurora at 1:00am on 18 October 2015 and has remained almost stationary. A total of 290,797 persons were affected in Regions I, II, III, IV-A, V, NCR, and CAR. As of 20 October 2015, a total of 12 deaths and 7 injured have been reported.¹ Major road sections and bridges are not passable due to flooding and landslides in 4 regions. As of writing this alert, power interruptions/outages are reported in 3 cities and 55 municipalities and province-wide power outages in 5 provinces in central and northern Luzon. Communications in Casiguran, Aurora are yet to be restored. USD\$ 3,966,497 worth of agriculture and USD\$10,823,572 worth of infrastructure has been destroyed.

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

Typhoon Koppu brought heavy to intense rains that have affected seven regions in Luzon island. The extent of the damage became clearer as the communications systems were restored. San Carlos City in Pangasinan and Ilagan City in Isabela as well as the province of Nueva Ecija were declared in a state of calamity. Rain waters from major mountain ranges surrounding Central Luzon pose threats of flash floods for the next two days. Public Storm Warning Signals have been downgraded but are still in effect in 20 provinces.

3. National and international response

196,737 family food packs are available for distribution and standby funds are being prepared by local Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) units in affected areas. A total number of 23,993 persons were pre-evacuated by local government units in Regions I, II, III, IV-A, CAR. A total of Php 2,670,332 (around US\$57,000) worth of assistance was provided by DSWD. The government is leading search and rescue, relief and debris-clearing operations. The government reiterated that it is not seeking international assistance at this time although targeted support provided with in-country resources is welcome.

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[http://www.ndrrmc.gov.ph/attachments/article/2607/Sitrep%20No.09%20re%20Preparedness%20Measures%20and%20Effects%20of%20Typhoon%20LANDO%20\(I.N.%20KOPPU\).pdf](http://www.ndrrmc.gov.ph/attachments/article/2607/Sitrep%20No.09%20re%20Preparedness%20Measures%20and%20Effects%20of%20Typhoon%20LANDO%20(I.N.%20KOPPU).pdf)

2 Php 1 = USD 0.022

4. ACT Alliance response

ACT Forum members ICCO Cooperation, Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Christian Aid (CA) and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) are currently collecting information from their local partners or networks within the affected areas. After gathering sufficient information the next course of action will be determined in consultation with ACT Philippines Forum.

5. Planned activities

ACT Forum is continuing to collect information and monitor the situation to determine if an ACT Forum response is needed.

6. Constraints

Communication is extremely difficult as there are no power and communication lines in the areas of Cagayan and Isabela.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org).

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