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Philippines

Title: Typhoon Nock-ten (Nina)

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1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

Super Typhoon Nock-ten or known locally as Nina reached maximum sustained winds of 185 kilometres per hour and gusts of up to 255 kilometres as it made landfall, weather officials and radio reports stated. The typhoon has weakened but is still equivalent to a Category 4 hurricane, sustaining winds of up to 140 kilometres per hour as it moved towards the heavily populated provinces of Batangas and Cavite, south of Manila. Nock-ten had made its first landfall in Bato, Catanduanes at 6:30 PM local time on Sunday, December 25. At least 218,000 flee to evacuation shelters as it made its first landfall over Catanduanes province, on the Bicol peninsula, which was on the highest storm alert for its arrival. Its second landfall in Sagñay, Camarines Sur was at around 9:30 pm, December 25. It brought heavy rain and fierce winds to Bicol. The typhoon is forecasted to have 5 landfalls before it goes out of the Philippine area of responsibility (PAR) by 28 December. Based on the profile created by UNOCHA, the 50 km radius of the typhoon track covers 14 provinces. An estimated 38 Million people (19.5 M women/ 19.4 M men) or 7.5 M households may be affected. It is not clear how long it will take for initial damage assessments, with electricity and phone coverage likely to be knocked out for some time.

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

While there are no reports on damages and needs from the affected areas yet as the local authorities are still assessing the damages, it is estimated that 38 million people (19.5M women/ 19.4M men) or 7.5 M households may have been affected. (OCHA Profile). Thus, the response plan of the ACT Forum is yet to be determined.

3. National and international preparedness and response

The typhoon is expected to be in the PAR until Wednesday (28th December 2016). Since there are no reports yet on the damages and needs of the affected communities, the response plans are yet to be developed pending the results of the assessments which are yet to be done by various humanitarian agencies under the Philippine INGO Network (PINGON) and the Humanitarian Country Team. Clearing operations have started in Bicol with the deployment of heavy equipment from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

4. ACT Alliance response

Continuing efforts to monitor the situation including touching base with PINGON. In addition, PINGON requested for a meeting today (26th December 2016) at 3:00 PM (Local time) to share information and updates and discuss the feasibility of a PINGON Joint Assessment. The ACT Forum members is scheduled to meet to share information and discuss possible assessment plan.

5. Planned activities

ACT Philippines Forum planned to take an initial action as followings:

- The ACT Forum will convene to share updates and discuss assessment plan
- Once data are available (as soon as communication system is restored) the Forum will analyse the assessment results to determine priority areas to cover and to identify what sectors to focus on.
- Continue to coordinate with both the humanitarian agencies and the local networks/partners of National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) and Christian Aid (CA) for a more coordinated assessment and response plan
- Deployment of staff to join the assessment teams formed by PINGON

6. Constraints

The limited or lack of information on the damages and needs will delay the development of the ACT Appeal. Hopefully, the local authorities' assessment on the damages along with the separate assessments being done by other humanitarian agencies through the PINGON will be available soon to inform the ACT Appeal.

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