



SITUATION

Super Typhoon Mangkhut (local name “Ompong”) is forecast to make landfall in northern Philippines at 2:00 AM on 15 September 2018. Its path is likely to affect the same regions hit by Tropical Storm Barijat just recently. Mangkhut has maximum sustained winds of up to 205 km/h, gustiness of 255 km/h and moving west at 30km/h. It has a radius of 500 km and possibly affecting about 8 million people based on population census of the most affected regions. UN OCHA estimates 1.9 million people are along the direct typhoon path with about 60,000 vulnerable households, including indigenous peoples communities. Most critical regions likely to be affected by landslides and floods are Apayao, Batanes, Babuyan Islands, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, and Isabela. Southwest monsoon rains will further worsen the impact. With forecast rainfall of 150-250mm in Northern Luzon, this may cause flooding in the main affected regions, including peripheral areas as far as Metro Manila. Shelter and livelihoods, especially rice and corn farms, will likely be damaged. Clean potable water will also be needed. The National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) is on Red Alert and its local units have conducted their Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment. NDRRMC has also activated its National Response Cluster.

Please see below the forecast track of the super typhoon:



NEEDS

The Typhoon will put the region in a state of crisis, since the area that may be affected was only recently hit by cyclone Barijat. The Typhoon could affect persons with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: sufficient food, safe shelter and basic non-food items, safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, and livelihood activities.

The dire situation would be compounded for the typhoon affected people with vulnerabilities, more specifically for women and girls, children and the elderly. UN OCHA estimates that 60,000 households could be most affected. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

- The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Response Cluster lead, will be able to provide food assistance to 356,349 families. They also have allocated PhP 710 million for shelter and non-food items. Quick Response Fund is PhP 872 million. The Administrator of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) has indicated that they may consider a request for international assistance.
- The Humanitarian Country Team has convened and will meet with NDRRMC on Sept 13 to assess capacities and gaps. UN Technical Staff are on standby for a possible joint assessment.
- The Philippines INGO Network and Start Network members are coordinating. Start Network is discussing to raise an alert for Start Fund.
- Red Cross emergency response teams, search and rescue teams, water, sanitation and health units, and community-volunteers in Northern Luzon, Central Luzon, and Manila are on standby.
- National networks of NGOs are coordinating. The Philippine Partnership for Emergency Response and Resilience has a representative in the HCT together with DRRNet. Shared Aid for Emergency Response, a local humanitarian fund, has raised an online appeal since August and may intensify its campaign to raise funds. On Call Surge Philippines, a surge capacity platform is ready to deploy surge capacity if needed.
- The Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) the disaster response network of private corporations has a hub in Clark, Pampanga which may be utilised if needed. PDRF sits at the NDRRMC Council. GMA Kapuso and ABS-CBN Foundation will likely provide food relief at the early stages of the response.
- NCCP is coordinating with the National Secretariat for Social Action (NASSA-Caritas Philippines) and PhilRADS, the development agency of the evangelical churches. A number of local member churches are monitoring and have been trained to conduct rapid needs assessments.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by local disaster risk reduction and management offices. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (clusters and coordination meetings) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

ACT Alliance has been working in Philippines since 1963, now helping/planning to help people affected by this typhoon category 5. ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the typhoon, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities. ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities. ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and

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rapid needs assessment. The ACT Philippines forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide emergency relief and early recovery assistance to ensure that the affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to immediate needs.

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