Typhoon Rolly Situation Update

- Typhoon Rolly (international name Goni), the most powerful storm recorded worldwide this year, has severely affected several communities in the provinces of the Bicol Region. According to the Government, 2.1 million people have been affected and 85,000 people are still displaced.

- The Government’s pre-emptive action in evacuating more than 1 million residents in Bicol helped mitigate the impact of Typhoon Rolly. However, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) estimated that more than 98,000 homes were ravaged by the torrential rains and powerful winds across four regions.

- Typhoon Rolly was followed by three tropical cyclones, compounding the devastation to affected populations. Typhoon Ulysses (international name Vamco), the latest typhoon to enter the Philippines, first hit the Bicol Region before moving to Southern Luzon, Metro Manila, and Central Luzon.

- The Government of the Philippines leads the emergency response and has invited humanitarian actors to complement its ongoing activities. WFP’s proposed response has been official endorsed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to support the government’s response in Bicol.

In Numbers

- 2.1 million affected people in 8 regions
- 36,499 individuals displaced in evacuation centres
- 48,905 individuals displaced outside evacuation centres

Highlights

- The Department of Social Welfare and Development will work with WFP in its emergency response in Bicol, including the use of SCOPE to register beneficiaries.

- WFP has provided the Provincial Capitol of Catanduanes, with two mobile storage units, a generator, and other office equipment to be used for the establishment of an Emergency Logistics Hub. Another generator was also sent to support the mobile water filtration system to provide clean drinking water to communities.

WFP Response

- With funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), WFP has transported 64,600 family food packs, 500 rolls of temporary shelter, and 1,080 family kits from DSWD’s facility in Metro Manila to the provinces of Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, and Catanduanes. WFP’s logistics support to the Government is...
provided in coordination with NDRRMC, the leader in disasters and emergencies.

Assembly of mobile storage units at the Provincial Capitol of Catanduanes. Photos courtesy of the Office of the Provincial Capitol of Catanduanes

- To support the Provincial Capitol of Catanduanes, WFP has loaned two mobile storage units, one generator, one prefabricated office facility, and other warehouse equipment for the establishment of an Emergency Logistics Hub.

- WFP also provided one generator to support the mobile water filtration system that will provide clean drinking water to communities whose water sources were damaged.

Assessments and Future Plans

- To assess the impact of Typhoon Rolly in the province of Catanduanes, WFP and other humanitarian agencies conducted a rapid needs assessment. The team visited the municipalities of Baras, Bato, Caramoran, Gigmoto, San Andres, San Miguel, and Virac. All the visited locations were severely damaged by Typhoon Rolly. The affected populations reported that food and cash were among their priority needs to immediately cope with the situation.

- Based on the results of the assessment, WFP aims to provide life-saving food assistance through cash-based transfers to vulnerable populations and logistics support to the Government in delivering emergency food and in-kind assistance to affected provinces.

- WFP is also working with DSWD in the implementation of SCOPE, WFP’s beneficiary registration and transfer management platform, to support the government's interventions. WFP is also planning to use SCOPE in its own cash-based transfers intervention.

Funding

The United Nations Country Team launched a Humanitarian Needs and Priorities Plan amounting to USD 45.5 million to assist 260,000 people in areas devastated by Typhoon Rolly. Of the total amount, USD 7.6 million was requested for food security and agriculture interventions and USD 0.3 million for logistics.

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