

WFP Philippines

Typhoon Rolly and Typhoon Ulysses Situation Report #3

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In Numbers

Over **2.3 million** affected people across eight regions

Over **23,089** individuals displaced in evacuation centres

Over **46,987** individuals displaced outside evacuation centres

Highlights

- WFP will provide cash assistance to more than 2,400 vulnerable households in Catanduanes.
- WFP contributed to a rapid needs assessment in the most affected municipalities in the provinces of Isabela and Cagayan.
- WFP continues to provide logistics support to the Government, transporting 74,600 family food packs and 6,225 essential non-food items.

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- Just days after the onslaught of Typhoon Rolly (international name: Goni) on 1 November, Typhoon Ulysses (international name: Vamco) roughly crossed the same track and made landfall on 11 November. Rolly and Ulysses both left trails of destruction and affected millions of people in eight regions, hundreds of thousands of which remain displaced.
- The death toll from Ulysses has risen to more than 70 and severely damages property and infrastructure. In Isabela and Cagayan provinces in the Cagayan Valley, heavy rains threatened to overspill Magat Dam, the largest in the country. Authorities released water from the dam to prevent it from spilling, but the surge from the opened floodgates submerged many houses.
- The Government of the Philippines leads the emergency response to typhoons Rolly and Ulysses and welcomed complementary support from the United Nations Country Team and other humanitarian actors.

WFP Response



Logistics



WFP loaned two generators to the Provincial Capitol of Catanduanes. They will power a portable office for warehouse management, and the mobile water filtration system to bring clean drinking water to communities whose water sources were damaged by the typhoon. Photo courtesy of Office of Civil Defense – Jose Angelo Mangaoang

- With funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), WFP has transported 74,600 family food packs and 6,225 units of non-food essentials such as kitchen kits, jerry cans, laminated sacks, and tarpaulins for the Typhoon Rolly operations in support to the Bicol Region.

Top left photo: WFP provided two mobile storage units to the Provincial Capitol of Catanduanes. © Office of Civil Defense/Jose Angelo Mangaoang.



WFP transported water, hygiene kits, and personal protective equipment to Cagayan and Isabela in behalf of the Office of Civil Defense. Photo courtesy of Office of Civil Defense/Department of Social Welfare and Development - Region II

- WFP is also providing logistics support to the Government. On 17 November, WFP helped the Office of Civil Defense transport 400 litres of bottled water, 80 boxes of personal protective equipment, and other non-food essentials.



Assessments



WFP conducted a rapid assessment the municipalities of Alcala and Amulung in Isabela. Photo courtesy of WFP/Carlito Sacedon

- WFP joined a rapid needs assessment in Isabela and Cagayan – two of the most affected provinces in Typhoon Ulysses' trail. The mission covered the municipalities of Alcala and Amulung in Isabela; Tumauini, Ilagan, and Delfin Albano in Cagayan.
- Initial results of the assessment indicate the agriculture sector was hardest hit. With more than half of the population dependent on agriculture, the priorities identified include: (1) cash to replant crops and clear flooded farmlands; (2) agricultural inputs.



Damaged crops in Isabela. Photo courtesy of WFP/Carlito Sacedon



Programme

- With generous support from the Government of Australia, WFP will provide cash-based assistance to more than 2,400 families affected by Typhoon Rolly in Catanduanes. WFP will prioritize the most vulnerable households with women, girls, and persons with disabilities and is coordinating with the local government unit in identifying beneficiaries.

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. WFP is also appealing to its traditional donors in order to expand its beneficiary reach in the Bicol Region and implement food support through cash-based transfers in Cagayan Valley.

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