Typhoon Rolly Situation Update

- The Government of the Philippines continues to lead the humanitarian response, together with humanitarian and non-governmental organizations, in response to the impacts left by typhoons Rolly (Goni) and Ulysses (Vamco) in the Bicol Region and Cagayan Valley, respectively.

- Internally displaced people staying in evacuation centres and with relatives and friends have began to gradually return to their homes. However, food, cash, and livelihood assistance are still among the most needed support in order to assist the affected population towards recovery.

- The Government of the Philippines welcomed complementary support from the United Nations Country Team and other humanitarian actors.

- WFP has started a cash-based transfer activity on the ground to provide financial assistance to support the immediate food and house repair needs of the most vulnerable groups.

Highlights

- WFP began cash-based transfers to more than 2,200 targeted vulnerable households in Catanduanes on 17 December, with a contribution from the Government of Australia.

- WFP will be implementing a second round of cash-based transfers with a contribution from the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund.

- WFP transported 74,600 family food packs to the affected areas in Bicol Region, with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). WFP has since mobilized 73 trucks in support of the Government of Philippines to transport food and non-food items.

In Numbers

- Over 4.2 million affected people across eight regions
- Over 30,255 individuals displaced in evacuation centres
- Over 4,378 individuals remain displaced outside evacuation centres

WFP Response

Programme

WFP and the local government of San Miguel, Catanduanes have created a special lane for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations during beneficiary registration. © WFP/Joseph Philip Conlu

- With generous support from the Government of Australia, WFP is providing cash-based assistance to the most vulnerable families affected by Typhoon Rolly, with a focus on women, girls, people with disabilities, and the elderly in the municipality of San Miguel. Prior to beneficiary registration and transfers, WFP coordinated with the local governments on the schedules to ensure safety of all beneficiaries.
During beneficiary registration from 11 to 14 December, WFP identified and registered 2,268 households or 11,340 individuals in SCOPE, its beneficiary information and transfer management platform.

With a grant from the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund, WFP will implement another cash-based transfer round to support families in Catanduanes and Albay. The project will be jointly activated with sister UN agencies International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

The Government of Australia has confirmed another contribution to support WFP’s Typhoon Ulysses operations in Cagayan Valley. In partnership with FAO, WFP will implement a one-off cash-based transfer to selected 1,125 households (5,625 individuals) to help restore food security and agricultural livelihoods of the affected populations.

Health and safety protocols were also implemented in the registration sites, including taking of temperature of beneficiaries. WFP has also posted COVID-19 preventive measure banners at registration sites. © WFP/Joseph Philip Conlu

Since the devastation left by typhoons Rolly and Ulysses, WFP has since mobilized 73 trucks in support of the Office of Civil Defense, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance in transporting family food packs, water, and non-food essentials such as kitchen items, jerry cans, tarpaulin rolls (for temporary shelter), hygiene kits, and indoor tents. WFP’s emergency logistics operation is generously funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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