

Food Security Cluster

Typhoon Haiyan, Manila, Philippines

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Updates from initial data received from FSC partners during the period November 12 – November 15. Contributing agencies: ACF, ActionAid, IRC, Samaritan's Purse, GOAL, HelpAge International, Catholic Relief Services, Welthungerhilfe, REACH, Oxfam, Solidarites, FAO and WFP.

Highlights from assessments

- Bohol province overall, 67% of households ranked food as the top priority need prior to the typhoon. This is in spite of food aid being the primary form of assistance received in the three municipalities.
- An estimated 4.8 million people are affected across nine regions and 36 provinces due to loss of livelihoods and essential infrastructure. Of these, around 2.1 million people were engaged in vulnerable forms of employment.
- In Daan Bantayan markets observed to be functioning but cash delivery mechanisms are non-functional at present.
- In Tacloban no functioning markets or cash delivery mechanisms.
- Damage to the country's agriculture sector brought about by Typhoon 'Yolanda' climbed to P6.87 billion, surpassing that caused by tropical storm 'Santi'. The latest figure from the Department of Agriculture (DA) is nearly double the P3.7 billion the agency reported earlier. 'Yolanda' lay to waste 134,085 hectares of farmland, of which 81,056 hectares were planted to rice. The typhoon destroyed 137,225 metric tons of palay worth P2.23 billion.
- Growing evidence of uncoordinated food distributions and looting suggest that vulnerable groups such as older people, people with disabilities and children will face difficulties in meeting their basic needs.
- Reports of challenges with accessing remote areas due to debris across the roads.
- The three worst affected areas all have proportions of older people (60+) higher than the national average (6.8%). Regions VIII (Eastern Visayas) 7.8%, VI (Western Visayas) 8.6%, and VII (Central Visayas) 8.2%.
- 15 agencies reported to be carrying out assessment in 8 of the most affected provinces (see annex 1.0 for more details)

Current activities reported

- WFP reported that as of 13 November, 9,804 family food packs (DSWD/WFP) for 49,020 people were distributed in 13 out of 139 barangays (the smallest administrative unit in the Philippines) in Tacloban City.
- WFP also reported that on 13 November, 10 metric tons of high energy biscuits were airlifted from Manila to Tacloban for distribution in Tacloban and Guiuan.

- Samaritan's Purse reported to have distributed 3,000 food packs to 3,000 households (15,000 people) in Bantayan.

Planned activities reported

- ACF plans distribution of food baskets in Central Mindanao, Caraga and Zamboanga
- FAO is currently developing project proposals to provide immediate support to food security and livelihoods of affected communities.
- World Vision's relief response aims to help 400,000 people (80,000 families) with life-saving essentials such as food.
- Oxfam to reach 20,000 households for cash grants/food distributions pending market assessments and plans to scale it up to 100,000 households in the long term.
- WFP plans to implement general food distribution, emergency food for work, and emergency cash for work for 2.5 million persons over the next six months
- HelpAge plans to reach 10,000 households with highly vulnerable members by cash transfer.
- Samaritan's Purse to continue distributions in Bantayan.
- CRS aims to reach 45,000 person days of Cash-for-Work community clean-up / debris removal in Palo (Leyte), Samar, and Ormoc (Leyte).

Annex 1.0:

Location			Overview of Assessments		
Region	Province	Municipal	Organisations	Assessment	Status
Region VII (C	Cebu	Bantayan	Samaritan's Purse	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
TBD	TBD	TBD	IRC	Rapid Assessment	TBD
TBD	TBD	TBD	IRC	Market Assessment	TBD
TBD	TBD	TBD	Action Aid	Rapid Assessment	TBD
Region VII (C	Bohol		ACF	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VIII	Leyte	Tacloban	ACF	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VIII	Eastern Samar		ACF	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region V	Masbate		ACF	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VIII	Eastern Samar	Guiuan	WFP, USAID, PLAN	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VIII	Eastern Samar		WFP, USAID, PLAN	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
TBD	TBD	TBD	Welthungerhilfe (WHH) in c	Rapid Assessment	Planned for 14th Nov
Region VIII	Leyte	Palo	CRS	Rapid Assessment	Planned
Region VIII	Samar		CRS	Rapid Assessment	Planned
Region VIII	Leyte	Ormoc	CRS	Rapid Assessment	Planned
Region VII	Bohol		HelpAge International	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VI	Negros Occidental		HelpAge International	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VII	Northern Cebu		HelpAge International	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VII (C	Bohol		Reach / Global Shelter Cluster	Rapid Assessment	Completed
Region VIII	Leyte		Reach / UNDAC	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VIII	Samar		International Finance Corporation	EMMA (rice, fisheries, credit and payment services of MSMEs	Planned for Dec 2nd
Region VIII	Eastern Samar		International Finance Corporation	EMMA (rice, fisheries, credit and payment services of MSMEs	Planned for Dec 2nd
Region VIII	Northern Samar		International Finance Corporation	EMMA (rice, fisheries, credit and payment services of MSMEs	Planned for Dec 2nd
Region VIII	Leyte	Ormoc	Lutheran World Relief	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VII (C	Northern Cebu		Lutheran World Relief	Rapid Assessment	Assessing
Region VIII	Leyte	Tacloban (pos	Solidatiries	Rapid Assessment	TBD