



### CLUSTER SNAPSHOT

**\$ USD 20 Million** **79%**  
project value funded

As of 16 December 2013

### OVERVIEW

Typhoon Haiyan swept through the central Philippines on 8 November, killing over 6,000 people, displacing some four million (including 789,000 children), and requiring the rapid transportation of relief goods to the affected area.

At the outset, lack of access to affected areas due to damaged infrastructure severely hampered humanitarian operations. The geographic area affected by the typhoon is extensive and includes numerous islands. Congestion at key locations including airports, ports and ferry crossings initially hampered relief efforts, although this problem has recently eased.

The Logistics Cluster has been working closely with the Government to ease constraints, minimize duplication of activities, limit congestion, provide up-to-date information on logistics capacity and facilitate access to available civil-military assets.

### URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Logistics support is required to provide life-saving supplies quickly and efficiently to those in need right across the affected area, especially those in hard-to-reach locations. Temporary warehousing remains a necessity in all the major hubs, as does rehabilitating existing warehouse facilities to establish long-term capacity. The last international militaries on the ground were redeployed as of 16 December, meaning the transport of cargo by sea and road must be reinforced to ensure that needs in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) are adequately met.

### CLUSTER RESPONSE

As of 15 December, a total of 9,500 m<sup>3</sup> /4,500 tons of relief items have been transported by sea and road on behalf of 39 different humanitarian organisations through the Logistics Cluster.

Since the start of the operation, over 3,000 m<sup>3</sup>/1,000 tons of inter-agency cargo has been facilitated through the Logistics Cluster on military assets (planes, helicopters and ships) for 34 organizations.

A number of governments provided essential operational support and assets including helicopters and cargo planes in the first weeks of the response, ensuring that life-saving assistance was dispatched as soon as possible. UNHAS currently has one dedicated 19-seat Beech 1900 fixed-wing aircraft and two 10-seat Sikorsky - 76 helicopters providing a passenger service for the humanitarian community as well as assessment missions and some light cargo transport. As of 15 December, UNHAS has transported over 1,250 passengers and six tons of humanitarian cargo. 220 flights have been executed to 20 different locations.

Since 18 November, WFP-contracted vessels have transported 4,500 m<sup>3</sup> /1,100 tons of inter-agency cargo into Tacloban from Cebu for 15 different organizations. A self-propelled barge of the capacity of 2,000 tons has been chartered with a tentative sailing schedule of Cebu - Roxas - Bantayan Island - Tacloban.

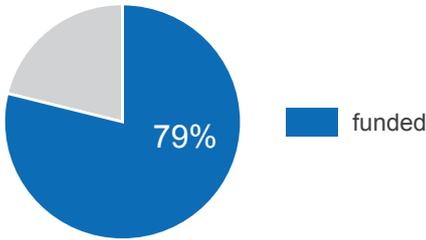
WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, is providing some 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> of storage space to humanitarian organizations in the key locations of Tacloban, Guiuan, Ormoc, Roxas and Cebu, with the capacity to scale-up rapidly if needed. As of 15 December, around 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>/ 850 tons has been stored in interagency warehouses. Support also continues to be provided to other agencies for the assembly of MSUs. A fleet of 10 trucks is now being contracted to serve the humanitarian community in Roxas, and trucks are available in Tacloban and Guiuan to augment road transport capacity on behalf of organizations when required. Twenty trucks a day are provided to the DSWD in Tacloban to support their distribution activities across Leyte, along with three MSUs. Existing warehouse facilities have been identified in Tablocan and Roxas for rehabilitation to ensure long-term capacity on behalf of the government.

Forklifts have been donated to the airports of Tacloban, Cebu and Roxas to ensure offloading capacity. Logistics support has also been activated through the private partnership with the Logistics Emergency Team (Agility, UPS, Maersk and TNT) in terms of heavy equipment, fuel and staff in all locations currently facing a gap in capacity.



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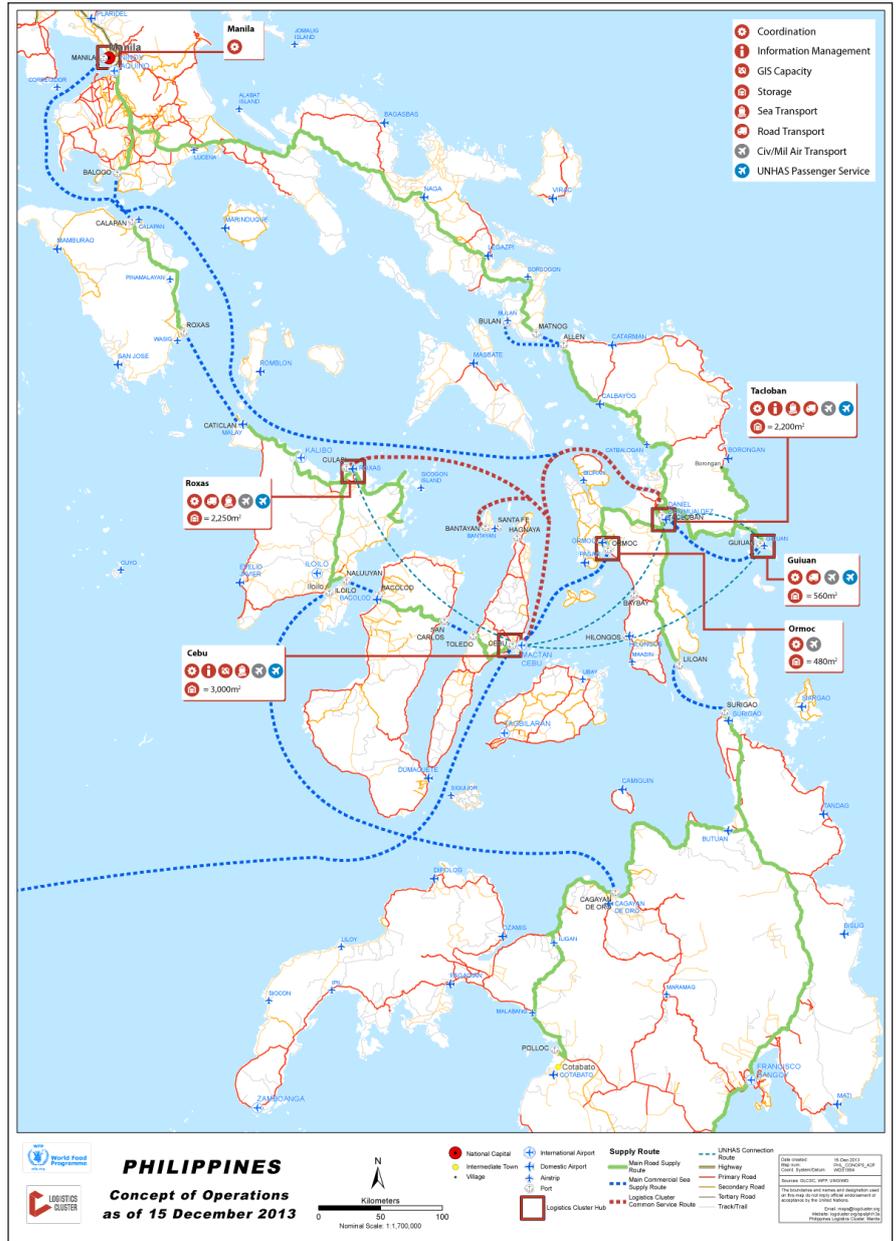
Funding by sector (in million US\$)



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**CHALLENGES**

Commercial sector shipping from Manila and Cebu to Tacloban remains overstretched, causing some delays in cargo delivery. Without visibility on the upstream pipeline of organizations using Logistics Cluster activities it is difficult to plan capacity requirements for the upcoming period. This also affects price negotiation on contracted vessels since it is hard to envisage how long this service will be required.



**Background on the crisis**

Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda) swept through the central Philippines on 8 November, killing nearly 6,000 people and displacing some 4 million people, flattening homes and damaging schools, health centres and other infrastructure. Some experts estimate the storm was among the strongest ever to make landfall. Over 100,000 people were still in evacuation centres five weeks after the storm.

On 9 November, the Government accepted the UN offer of international assistance. The Government also welcomed the deployment, in the initial phase of disaster response, of a large number of countries' military assets. The humanitarian community's one-year Strategic Response Plan calling for \$791 million has been released and is closely aligned to the Government's Yolanda Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan, due to be launched on 18 December.

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