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As of 12 February 2014

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**URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

Until commercial warehousing/storage capacity returns to pre-Haiyan levels, partners require support with temporary storage in the affected areas. Further assessments of the commercial warehousing and transport market (shipping and trucking) are also needed.

**CLUSTER RESPONSE**

As of 11 February, 11,811m$^2$ / 5,098 tons of relief items have been transported by sea and 25,789m$^2$ / 17,474 tons by road on behalf of 39 different humanitarian organizations through the Logistics Cluster. Since the beginning of the operation, over 3,000m$^2$ / 1,000 tons of inter-agency cargo has been facilitated through the Logistics Cluster on military assets. So far, 217 requests for storage have been received and 10,976m$^2$ / 3,366 tons has been stored in inter-agency warehouses in Roxas, Cebu, Tacloban, Ormoc, and Guiuan.

The Logistics Cluster continues to support the humanitarian community by providing coordination, including information management, GIS/mapping support and support with customs processes. The Logistics Cluster is focusing on updating logistics assessments, including commercial warehousing, transporters and airports/ports in the affected areas to enable partners to better access the local market for their logistical needs.

WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, continues to provide some 8,000m$^2$ of temporary storage space to humanitarian organizations in the key locations of Tacloban, Guiuan, Ormoc, Roxas and Cebu. Support also continues to be provided to other agencies for the assembly of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).

The Logistics Cluster is designing and implementing a series of operational trainings and briefings to enhance capacity-building and knowledge transfer at local level. So far, sessions on Health & Safety management during relief operations, NFI warehouse management, the collection of data through GPS, and generator use and maintenance, have been held at different locations. These sessions were attended by DSWD and different humanitarian organizations. Further sessions are being organized on different topics proposed by the partners.

UNHAS is closing down its free passenger transport services on 15 February 2014. So far, UNHAS aircraft executed 204 flights, transporting close to 3,000 passengers, and 11 tons of cargo consisting of essential medical relief, telecommunication equipment and high nutritional foods. Fifteen passengers were recorded as medical evacuation cases from Tacloban/Guian to Cebu. In all, 82 humanitarian partners have been served by UNHAS Philippines since Typhoon Haiyan struck.
The Logistics Cluster is seeking enhanced pipeline visibility coupled with adequate dispatch/distribution plans of partners to avoid overreliance on the Cluster’s temporary storage facility and facilitate the supply of NFIs.

**Background on the crisis**

Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda) swept through the central Philippines on 8 November, killing over 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. 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 $788 million has been released and is closely aligned to the Government’s Yolanda Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan launched on 18 December.

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