

# **Typhoon Ketsana Relief Response**

## **Situation Report (SitRep) #4 (2 October 2009)**

### **World Vision Development Foundation**

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#### **I. Current Situation**

Typhoon Parma slowed down as it continues to move to Aurora-Isabela area in Northern Luzon as a high pressure area spotted over Hong Kong affected its wind speed according to the Philippine weather bureau. Experts say that this would mean that Parma could change direction and divert away from the country or it could strike Central Luzon.

A US-based Naval Research Laboratory says that Parma's wind speed recorded at 222 kph Friday morning makes it into super typhoon category which means a more intense tropical cyclone with maximum speed exceeding 222 kph. Located in North Northeast of Virac, Catanduanes, Parma is packed with maximum sustained winds of 195 kph and gustiness of up to 230 kph.

Meantime, six days after the typhoon, several areas are still filled with mud and mountains of muddied people's belongings swept during the typhoon look like heaps of garbage along the roads making walking along the small streets difficult.

Meanwhile, five days after Ketsana submerged more than 80% of the country, some villages are still not reached with food aid as the flood is up to neck deep or waist deep.

To date, the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) states that there are 650,924 families or 3,175,740 persons affected, 288 dead and 42 missing all over the country. There are 508 evacuation centers housing 83,508 families or 419,221 persons while 10,214 houses were damaged. Totally damaged houses total to 4,270 while partially damaged is 5,944.

As of October 2 (3 PM), NDCC report that the extent of losses and damages country-wide is estimated to cost \$11,389,458 (P46 to US\$1) or P5,239,150,696.83.

#### **2. World Vision Response**

##### **2.1 Relief Distribution**

Food and non-food items distributed by World Vision have already reached distributed 1,619 families or 8,095 persons. The latest distribution today of 568 relief packs were done in Marikina and Antipolo despite the drizzling rain.

Each food pack consists of the following: 25 kilos rice, 1 pack crackers, 1 pack cheese cake bread, 1 bottled water (5 liters), 6 packs noodles, 1 pack coffee, 1 pack sugar, 4 pcs corned beef, 2 pcs canned meat and 3 pcs canned fish. Non-food items were 2 packs sanitary napkin, 3 pcs bath soap, 2 pcs laundry, 1 mosquito net, 1 blanket.

With the predicted impact of Parma, WV will temporarily stop its relief distribution tomorrow but the operations center is open.

World Vision aims to provide relief goods to 20,000 families or 100,000 people in the hardest hit areas of Marikina, Pasig, Rizal and Cainta.

## **2.2 Validation and distribution of stubs**

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## **2.3 Child Friendly Space (CFS)**

The launching of two CFS conducted in Marikina and Pasig were successful as more than 500 children attended in both areas. Heavy rains poured while the CFS activity is ongoing in Pasig, however WV CFS team was able to finish the event.

## **3. Plans of Action**

- Meeting tomorrow of the relief team to assess whether or not continue relief distribution on Sunday depending on typhoon Parma's impact
- Medical Mission on October 3 postponed due to the weather (Parma)

## **4. Coordination Activities**

World Vision, in its ongoing implementation of the relief response, coordinated with the following:

- Local Government Units and other government offices
- Philippine Coast Guard
- School Principal and teachers of the evacuation center
- Other INGOs
- Churches
- Corporate donors
- Medical Societies
- Media

## **5. Media Mileage**

WV spokespersons and a celebrity endorser were interviewed by the following:

- CNN (Minnie Portales, Advocacy and Communications Director & Boy Bersales, Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs Director)
- Al Jazeera (Borris Joaquin, Publics in Ministry Director)
- German Evening News (Minnie Portales)
- London Post (Minnie Portales)
- CFRB Canada (Minnie Portales)
- Radio Germany (Minnie Portales)
- BBC (Minnie Portales)
- GMA & ABS CBN, Philippine's two leading national television station (Celebrity endorser Miriam Quiambao was the one interviewed)
- New Zealand radio interview

- Australia radio interview (ABC)
- Philippine Daily Inquirer, one of the leading dailies in the Philippines (Boy Bersales)
- Coverage of Channel News Asia were shown four times
- DZAS, radio station in the country (Minnie Portales)
- UNTV (Elnora Avarientos)
- Philippine Star (Minnie)
- WV US scheduled media interview (Minnie)
- Reuters and Alertnet (Minnie)
- Junior Inquirer (Volunteer)

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