Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) made landfall in the Philippines six times on 8 November, with wind speeds of 235 km/h, gusts of 275 km/h. Heavy rainfall at 10 to 30 mm/h and storm surges up to six metres were recorded. An estimated 11.3 million people in nine regions are affected. Initial reports indicate at least 10,000 people are dead with an unknown number of missing or injured people. For real time updates on the crisis please visit: www.unocha.org/crisis/typhoonhaiyan

The Philippines Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) Action Plan (www.unocha.org/cap/appeals/philippines-typhoon-haiyan-action-plan-november-2013) is the United Nations and partners’ plan requiring over US$ 301 million to provide humanitarian assistance to those affected. The Plan aims to provide targeted support to the affected people in the hardest hit regions, in support of the Government’s response to address urgent humanitarian needs over the next six months (November 2013 – May 2014). The plan gives contacts for each appealing organisation.


Information about how Member States, private organizations and individuals can contribute towards the CERF, so that it can continue to support immediate needs, can be found here: www.unocha.org/cerf/our-donors/how-donate

The United Nations urges donors to make cash rather than in-kind donations.

If cash contributions are not possible, all donors are asked to respect the following guidelines:

• Donations should correspond to life-saving priorities
• All cargo should be addressed to a clearly designated consignee with a confirmed local address and only when the consignee is expecting the goods
• All cargo must be accompanied by the documentation required by port, airport customs and other authorities.
• Special regulations apply for in-kind donations of medical items (e.g. a remaining shelf-life of at least one year for drugs), Please also consult the WHO Model List of Essential Drugs: www.who.int/medicines/publications/essentialmedicines/en/

ITEMS NOT TO DONATE :
• Items not matching a need identified in the Action Plan
• Used goods (toys, clothing, etc)
• Untested technologies and prototypes
• Infant formula, bottles and teats; powdered or liquid milk and milk products

USEFUL LINK: www.logcluster.org

For more information, please contact Ms. Isabelle de Muyser-Boucher, Chief, Logistics Support Unit, OCHA at isu@un.org or at +41 22 917 3290.

Please report your in-kind shipments of relief aid to http://logIK.unocha.org, or send an email to logIK@un.org.

Please ensure that all humanitarian contributions, including in-kind, are recorded in the Financial Tracking Service by sending an email to fts@un.org.
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINES NATIONAL RESPONDERS

For donors wishing to contribute towards response to Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) bilaterally, the Government of the Philippines welcomes cash contributions through the following organizations:

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center (NDRRMC) www.ndrrmc.gov.ph
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) www.dswd.gov.ph
Philippine Red Cross (PRC) www.redcross.org.ph

COUNTING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

OCHA runs a database and a website — the Financial Tracking Service (FTS) — which records all humanitarian contributions, (cash, in-kind, multilateral and bilateral) to emergencies. It aims to give due credit and visibility to donors for their generosity, and also to show to all the running total of current funding and remaining resource gaps.

Please take a moment to send information about your contributions to fts@un.org or through the on-line contribution report form at http://fts.unocha.org with the following information:

- Donor name (country/organization)
- Name of recipient organization
- Contribution description
- Amount in US$ or original currency

FTS’ tables on line are updated daily.

For the latest information about reported funding to the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) Action Plan, please visit: http://fts.unocha.org/pageloader.aspx?page=emerg-emergencyDetails&appealID=1043