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# Philippines after typhoon Washi: An update on the situation in Iligan and our disaster response operations

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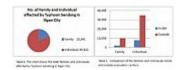
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### \_RDRRAC Update

Dec. 22. According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center (NDRRMC), as of December 22, 2011, there are already 92,964 families with a total of 641,098 individuals affected by Typhoon Sendong. These are the documented internally displaced persons since the typhoon entered the Philippine area of responsibility.

In Iligan City, Sendong affected 28 barangays and harmed 45, 821 individuals in 10,341 families. Out of these figures, however, only 9,770 individuals in 1,954 families are found in 16 evacuation camps. It is believed that those living inside these camps have more access to relief goods and services than those living in there devastated houses (see table 1 and 2).



Most number of the affected families and individuals stay outside the evacuation centers. These affected families and individuals either live to their homes or stay with their neighborhood to avoid the possible outbreak of diseases in the camps due to poor sanitation. Some also chose to stay with their families in the nearby municipalities and provinces unharmed by the typhoon.

During the data validation and documentation by RDRRAC (Ranaw Disaster Response and Rehabilitation Assistance Center, Inc.), volunteers found out that most of those outside camps cannot access to relief goods and food support.

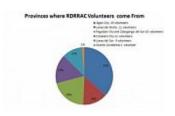
The death toll of the typhoon now reaches to 1,010 across the country. Iligan City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) has already listed 287 casualties and 406 missing.

Overall national damages to infrastructure and agriculture amount to P 999,946,415.00. Iligan City has an estimated P 10,300,000.00 worth of damages to health facilities. The city's total damage to infrastructure and agriculture is still to be determined.

## **Still Raining Donations and Volunteers**



As of Dec. 23, 2011, RDRRAC gathered almost 80 individual volunteers coming from provinces and cities surrounding Iligan City. Partner and member organizations also whole-heatedly send volunteers to help RDRRAC in its daily disaster response operations. Volunteers integrated into the different committees of the disaster response camp structure. They are involved in packing, sorting and relief distribution. They also help in the documentation and monitoring as well as in blogging and social networking in of the recent updates and situation of the victims of Typhoon Sendong. Some volunteers will be staying this Christmas to continue help the victims.



On the other hand, the pouring out of donations received by RDRRAC for the victims is as also overwhelming as the participations of the volunteers. Donations for the victims kept flooding at the relief goods headquarters. Bellow is the list of donors and their corresponding donations for the victims which are channeled through RDRRAC as of December 23, 2011:

- 1.) Save the Children donated to RANAW BAY MERN 8 boxes of thermos pot, 4 boxes of toothbrush, 1 box of steel bowl, 7 boxes of fan, one box of aquatabs, 880 pcs. water containers and 445 bottles of waterine.
- 2.) Globe donated to Mindanao Peace Partners (MPP) via VSO Bahaginan 6 boxes of sardines, 1 box of t-shirts and 10 caps, 2 boxes of face towel and 200 pieces globe simcard.
- 3.) Task Force Food Sovereignty (TFFS) donated Php50,000.
- 4.) Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) donated Php9,200.
- 5.) Donations received via Paypal is 14,200.
- 6.) TRIPOD and Cotabato People donated food (rice) and non-food (mattresses, kabo, pale, small basin, kitchenware, and clothing).
- 7.) IRA511, St. Martin de Porres Parish, Easter Joy School, Inc., PRO-ARMM, Mt. Carmel Parish, and

Rev. Fr. Major Joselito Borja donated food (rice and noodles) and non-food (beddings and clothing).

- 8.) KASAMAKA, CONZARRD and People from Zamboanga del Sur donated Php9, 581.50, food (rice, corn, can goods, noodles, fruits and root crops) and non-food (clothing, kitchenware, and toiletries).
- 9.) Duyog Tri-people Youth Organization donated clothing.and
- 10.) Donations from individual and family are 5 Canadian dollar and clothing.

Partners and network member organizations of RDRRAC also offered their cars and vehicles to be used for the transpiration of relief goods and volunteers. Tri-people Organization against Disaster and partner organizations in Cotabato City offered 1 unit elf and a pick-up, Kahugmpungan sa mga Kababainhang Mag-uuma sa Kabanikanhan offered 1 unit Elf, Sumpay Mindanao offered a terrano, Paglingkawas offered a multicab and a pick-up from Alternative Health Care and Development.



Despite the overwhelming donations and volunteers the organization received, it is still not commensurate to the pressing needs of the victims in the communities and evacuation centers.

RDRRAC is still encouraging for more donations and volunteers.

- \* for interested donor and volunteers you may contact us at 063 223 317 or 0929741168/09266297406 or email us at rdrrac\_inc yahoo.com. You can also personally visit us at Door 2 Maca-Agir Apartment,  $6^{th}$  East Rosario Heights, Tubod, Iligan City.
- \* To those who would like to donate goods, clothes, and monetary support please see the organization's contact and bank details. http://rdrrac.wordpress.com/donate/

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