

TYPHOON BOPHA EMERGENCY APPEAL



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Figure 1 Typhoon Bopha brought destruction to agriculture and livelihoods

Tropical cyclone Bopha (local name Pablo) made landfall on Davao Oriental on December 4 and packed maximum sustained winds of up to 175 kph. It is the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines in 2012 and traversed a path similar to that of TS Washi (Sendong) which claimed more than 1,200 lives in December 2011. The typhoon crossed the regions of Northern Mindanao, Central Mindanao and Eastern Visayas, sweeping across towns not used to experiencing storms, much less of this strength.

The typhoon brought strong winds and heavy rains that triggered floods, flashfloods, mudslides and storm surge, and left 647 persons dead, 1,482 injured and 780 persons still missing as of December 10, 2012. The winds brought by Bopha were stronger than that of Washi (Sendong), devastating towns and houses along its path, in effect displacing some 300,000 persons.

Bopha also wreaked havoc on livelihoods, properties, infrastructures, and agriculture, with damages amounting to at least 7 billion pesos. The National Disaster Risk Reduction



Figure 2 – A totally damaged house in Sta. Josefa, Agusan del Sur

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and Management Council (NDRRMC) reports some 5.4 million persons in 9 regions have been affected. There is power outage, no water supply and classes have not been resumed in many areas. With the severity of the typhoon's impact, the Philippine Government declared a State of National Calamity on December 7, 2012.



Figure 3 - Families in New Bataan, Compostela Valley walk long and far to the municipal hall hoping to receive assistance

ACCORD is targeting to raise EUR500,000 for the planned emergency response, with a duration of three months. This will enable ACCORD to address the immediate needs of 5,360 poor and most affected households access shelter and NFI, WASH services and food. The target beneficiaries will receive food for maximum of two weeks, WASH materials such as water collectors and containers, NFI like mats, blankets, and gas lanterns, and temporary shelter materials such as plastic sheets.

Disaster Risk Reduction mainstreaming will be incorporated throughout the action and through DRR orientation sessions and action planning. Further, a gender equality approach will be applied in addressing the different needs, different impacts, opportunities and different solutions at all stages of the action.

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On December 5, Assistance and Cooperation for Community Resilience and Development Inc (ACCORD) and its partners CARE and Agri-Aqua Development Coalition – Mindanao (AACD) immediately conducted a joint assessment which was divided into three teams to cover the most affected areas – Davao Oriental, Compostela Valley, Agusan del Sur, Bukidnon, Cagayan de Oro and Iligan.

Taking into account the results of the assessment, the needs, capacities, and gaps, ACCORD proposes to respond to the situation in Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental and Agusan del Sur, and to a lesser extent in Iligan City and Bukidnon. The priority needs are food, emergency shelter, non-food items (NFI), and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) materials.



Figure 4 - Bridge in Langaon, Bukidnon damaged by typhoon Bopha