Philippines Humanitarian Situation Report

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Highlights

- UNICEF and partners continue to provide life-saving and recovery assistance for children affected by Typhoon Haiyan.
- July was Nutrition month focusing on ‘Nutrition in Emergencies’. A high-level Nutrition Summit brought together more than 300 members of congress, policy makers and key nutrition players.
- On 15 July, Typhoon Rammasun (Glenda) struck the Philippines with limited impact in Haiyan affected areas. UNICEF supported Government preparedness and response, including evacuation of 1,000 families.

Thank you to our donors

UNICEF’s humanitarian response and early recovery needs for children affected by Typhoon Haiyan are fully funded to November 2014. $11 million in additional funding is required for victims of conflict in Mindanao, including Zamboanga.

UNICEF and Partners Response to Date

Learning materials and supplies for over 500,000 pre-school and school-aged children (3 to 17 years) have been provided by UNICEF. 213,200 children have access to Temporary Learning Spaces (TLSs) across the Visayas.

83,200 children have been vaccinated against measles and more than 12,000 children under one in the targeted areas have been fully-immunized through the routine vaccination program. Equipment and training have helped to re-establish the cold chain in 62 affected areas.

40,000 children have accessed psychological support at Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) and UNICEF continues to work closely with the Government to build services for birth registration and family reunification.

More than 1.35 million people have been provided with safe access to clean water, around 310,000 with access to appropriately designed toilets and more than 504,000 children were provided with school hygiene kits. 44 villages (barangays) have been declared to have zero open defecation, changing behaviors with the construction and use of household latrines.

Typhoon Haiyan

5.9 million
Children affected out of 14.1 million people affected
(OCHA, 28 January 2014)

1.7 million
Children displaced out of 4.1 million displaced people
(OCHA, 28 January 2014)

UNICEF Haiyan Appeal
Philippines 2014
$119 million
Typhoon Haiyan

Situation overview & humanitarian needs

According to OCHA, 14.1 million people have been affected by Typhoon Haiyan. 4.1 million people, including 1.7 million children, were displaced. The devastation occurred in some of the Philippines’ poorest regions and communities where prior to the Typhoon more than 40% of children lived in poverty.

On 15 July, category 3 Typhoon Rammasun (Glenda) made landfall in the Philippines. Typhoon Haiyan affected areas were not strongly affected. Government led precautionary measures included evacuating around 1,000 families. UNICEF and partners supported preparedness measures and continue to work with the Government and communities to improve disaster risk reduction (DRR).

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

On 4 July, nine months after Yolanda, the Government transitioned from humanitarian cluster structure to the recovery and rehabilitation phase through the Government’s new cluster framework. This reflected the Government’s assessment that humanitarian demands have largely been responded to and the work remaining requires a longer term approach. The work of formerly UNICEF-led clusters (Education, Nutrition and WASH) falls within the Government’s Social Services Cluster led by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). UNICEF and other UN agencies are now working directly with relevant government departments in place of humanitarian clusters. The parameters of UNICEF’s Strategic Response Plan remain aligned with government plans to restore the economic and social conditions of affected areas to their pre-typhoon levels (as a minimum) and to a higher level of disaster resilience. UNICEF continues its support for sector coordination providing technical assistance to the Government as required at national and sub-national levels.

Humanitarian strategy

UNICEF has established a main office in Tacloban with a smaller office in Roxas. These field offices provide technical programme support, coordination and information management capacity at decentralized levels across UNICEF’s core programme areas. UNICEF is targeting 40 Local Government Unit (LGU) with a population of 1.34 million, of which 558,000 are children. UNICEF prioritised these municipalities through analysis of those most severely affected. UNICEF is expanding its support to LGUs to include direct cash transfers of around $160,000 to each of the 40 LGUs. UNICEF has worked closely with the LGUs to plan and budget the use of these funds which represent an important capacity building and local ownership component in the recovery effort.

UNICEF actions to date

Education

UNICEF and partners continue to promote children ‘back to learning’ in schools and day care centres by working to improve the facilities available, and communicating the benefits and importance of education. UNICEF and its partners directly reached over 27,500 community members encouraging all children to come back to school with initial reports from partners indicating high rates of school attendance. Radio spots and programming in local languages has allowed UNICEF and partners to reach a wider audience and back to learning activities posted on Facebook and twitter pages reached an online audience of 281,047 people.

Since Haiyan, 500,800 pre-school and school-aged children (3 to 17 years) have benefited from the distribution of learning materials and supplies to schools. Over 23,787 chairs and tables, 165,850 learning materials and 1,148 bookcases have been distributed to schools in Regions VI and VIII. 213,200 children can access education at the

| Estimated Affected Population: Based on OCHA figures reported on 13 Jan. 2013 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Affected Population        | Total  | Female | Male   |
| Children Affected (Under 18)     | 5,922,000 | 3,020,220 | 2,901,780 |
| Children Under Five Affected     | 1,903,500 | 970,785  | 932,715  |
| Children under 1 year of age affected | 380,700  | 194,157  | 186,543  |
| Pregnant and lactating women     | 916,500  |         |        |
| Total Displaced Population       | 4,100,000 | 2,091,000 | 2,009,000 |
| Children Displaced (Under 18)    | 1,722,000 | 878,220  | 843,780  |
2,132 Temporary Learning Spaces (TLSs) that have been set up by UNICEF. Makeshift solutions and roof repairs are planned to reach over 2,313 classrooms. Over 1,000 are already completed, certification pending.

Health
UNICEF and partners continue working together to restore primary health care services across affected areas with a focus on vaccination, mother and newborn care and adolescent health. 12,974 children aged less than one year in the targeted areas have been fully-immunized through the routine vaccination programme and the vaccination cold chain has been re-established in 62 affected LGUs. UNICEF is providing vaccines, resilient cold chain equipment (cold rooms, refrigerators, generators, cold boxes, vaccine carriers and fridge thermometers) and vaccine management training for 450 health personnel. The next measles and rubella campaign is planned for September as part of a nationwide campaign supported by UNICEF. Additional preparedness for disease outbreaks includes prepositioning of kits to treat up to 7,000 cases of moderate to severe diarrhoea and trainings on measles, dengue, and diarrheal disease preparedness. To date such health problems have been averted.

Medical supplies for up to 600,000 people have been provided, including supplies specific to mothers and newborns. This is supplemented by capacity building on essential health care for birthing mothers and their babies. 120 health personnel have been trained as trainers and 76 as service providers. UNICEF is also partnering with government agencies and other NGOs to address health concerns for adolescents with a focus on sexual and reproductive health.

Nutrition
854 children suffering severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have been admitted to out-patient treatment programmes and 66,103 caregivers of children under 2 years given counselling on appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF). 5,045 pregnant women have been provided with iron tablets and folic acid supplementation. UNICEF continues to strengthen Inpatient Treatment Programmes for SAM children with complications. Two additional in-patient treatment programmes were established and are now operational in Eastern Samar.

July was ‘Nutrition Month’ with UNICEF and partners organising a range of activities to raise awareness and give impetus to nutrition programming. These culminated with a Nutrition Summit bringing together stakeholders and local government leaders from across the region with a focus on ‘Nutrition in Emergencies’ – nutrition interventions for preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation phases of emergencies. Nearly 200 health care providers and nutrition volunteers from Eastern Samar received training on community management of acute malnutrition.

Child Protection
40,060 children have accessed psychosocial support at 144 Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) provided by UNICEF. 7,215 caregivers have also accessed psychosocial support activities. Community use of CFSs appears strong with monitoring of CFSs in 10 districts in Eastern Samar finding that around 80% of children were registered at a CFS. National guidelines on the implementation of CFSs, which are supported by UNICEF, have now been released by the Government.

1,071 day care workers, municipal social workers, police and other community members have received training on proper management of CFSs, gender based violence, anti-trafficking, anti-child labour and other child protection issues. UNICEF is working with the Government, communities and partners to strengthen child protection systems to identify unaccompanied and separated children and assist vulnerable children. UNICEF has funded positions for 10 social workers and 20 social work assistants with the Government.

WASH
1,351,016 people affected by Typhoon Haiyan have safe access to clean water thanks to water kits, water treatment products, bladders and home storage containers provided by UNICEF as well as rehabilitated water schemes. In total UNICEF has supported 310,017 people to gain access to sustainable sanitation including the provision of toilet slabs and portable toilets. Support to around 600 schools is ongoing to rehabilitate WASH infrastructure. In addition 504,209 children have been provided with school hygiene kits since the beginning of the emergency.

As part of early recovery, UNICEF is working with the Government and other partners implementing the Philippines approach to total sanitation (PhATS). In July, 41 villages (barangays) were certified as ‘zero open defecation’ (ZOD). These communities have successfully changed their practices to using toilets and appropriately managing solid waste.
This prevents contamination of household water supplies, which can spread disease. In partnership with UNDP, UNICEF continues to support waste management and removal to improve public sanitation.

**Unconditional cash transfer**

10,000 households have received the fifth of six unconditional cash transfers of $100 per month. This grant covers a family’s most basic and immediate needs in the most affected areas and those generally underserved by the humanitarian response. Reflecting the very low incomes of these households, there is a noted increase (50%) of the amount being spent on food. Other major uses of the funds are for shelter, healthcare, education. Additionally, households are able to invest in small scale livelihood opportunities. Following the success of this programme, an extension has commenced reaching an additional 5,801 households with the first of six transfers. This expansion is being carried out in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare.

**Disaster risk reduction**

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) is an integral component of UNICEF’s early recovery interventions. UNICEF is working with the Government’s Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices (DRRMOs) across the affected area to build their capacity on risk-informed programming and child-centred disaster risk reduction. 157 government staff have been trained in basic Geographic Information System (GIS) and 146 have also completed the advanced module. In August, they will undergo the final on-the-job training and local chief executives will be briefed. This will enable them to develop hazard maps of their localities and be better prepared for future emergencies.

### HUMANITARIAN PERFORMANCE MONITORING – Typhoon Haiyan Response

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<td>People with access to appropriate toilets</td>
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<td>94,806**</td>
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**Note:** Cluster targets are based on the December 2013 Strategic Response Plan but may be periodically revised as needs change. Results are based on UNICEF partner reporting and/or estimated based on supplies provided and international standards.

* Distribution is ongoing, delays in data collection reflect the need to strengthen partner reporting systems.

** Previously reported 97,811. Revised down in July due to technical error in partner reporting, corrective measures in place.

*** Target increased from 60,000 (six transfers each to 10,000 households) with the addition of 34,806 transfers (six transfers each to 5,801 households).
Humanitarian needs in the Philippines

Bohol earthquake
On 15 October 2013, an earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale hit Bohol killing at least 223 people and displacing 350,000. All evacuation centres have now been closed and families are housed in 885 transition shelters. UNICEF is working with the Government and partners to implement the revised Bohol Earthquake Action Plan (BEAP) to provide WASH, education and nutrition responses. Together with implementing partners, UNICEF’s WASH response has restored water supply for 124,829 people and 55,743 have access to latrines. 48,670 school children have received hygiene kits. 5,106 children in day care centres and 37,243 school children have received learning materials and school supplies as well as benefitting from the supply of teacher packs. An estimated 4,408 children have access to TLSs. 3,793 children have accessed psychological support in eight CFSs. Local child protection systems were strengthened in 13 communities with 95 training sessions conducted on child rights and enhancing the referral mechanism of cases on violence against children and child abuse. 63 young people have been equipped with the knowledge and skills to promote child rights and to raise awareness on gender based violence. Out of the 24,322 children under 5 years screened, 170 children with SAM and 967 children with MAM have been identified and received treatment. Around 12,724 pregnant and lactating women were provided with counselling and support on optimal infant and young child feeding practices. 24,149 children received Vitamin A while 1,869 pregnant women received Iron-folate supplements.

Mindanao conflict
UNICEF continues to work to assist children, who are the innocent victims of violence and instability caused by recurrent conflict in Mindanao. In 2014, there have been 10 reported incidents of attacks on schools, affecting over 3,500 school children, and three additional reported incidents of classes suspended due to fighting. As the chair of the Country Task Force for Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR) of Grave Child Rights Violations (GCRV), UNICEF ensures monitoring and follow-up to these incidents, enabling children to return to school. The Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) also has the highest level of stunting, caused by chronic malnutrition, and the lowest indicators for WASH in the Philippines.

13,011 students have benefitted from learning kits and supplies distributed to schools affected by conflict and weather damage. Assistance for minor repairs reached 25 schools and day care centres. Training on EiE and DRR increased the capacity of 309 teachers and day care workers. UNICEF has provided sensitization on hygienic practices to 21,461 people, assisted 751 families to construct latrines and provided 616 families with improved water facilities. 8,016 children under 5 years and 4,082 pregnant and lactating women have been screened for malnutrition. 119 children suffering SAM are receiving treatment and 2,896 mothers and caregivers have been counselled on infant and young child feeding practices. 592 government health workers have been trained on Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition.

Zamboanga conflict
On 9 September 2013, heavy fighting in the southern Zamboanga peninsula killed at least 140 people and caused the displacement of over 63,000 people. 10,000 homes were completely destroyed, four schools with 9,269 students were displaced while at least 25 schools were used as evacuation centres. Three schools in Zamboanga City continue to serve as evacuation centres. UNICEF has provided materials for safe water collection, treatment and storage for 25,995 people and latrines for 14,500 people. 1,800 children have been provided with access to psycho-social support at 12 CFSs. 24,904 children 3 to 17 years of age have been provided with learning materials and supplies. 20 TLSs have been set up for the conduct of psychosocial support and emergency education services provided for at least 10,000 school children. 549 children suffering SAM have been admitted to therapeutic feeding programmes. 60,280 children have received Vitamin A supplementation and 62,223 have been dewormed. 343 pregnant and lactating women have been provided with iron and folic acid supplementation.
Supply and Logistics
UNICEF has provided emergency relief supplies valued at over $53 million to respond to the combined needs for Typhoon Haiyan, the Bohol earthquake, and the Mindanao and Zamboanga conflicts. In the last few months, $4.2 million of school supplies for the new academic year and ‘Back to Learning’ campaigns has been provided and distribution commenced. As local supply catches up to demand, more than one third of supplies are directly procured within the Philippines, with the remainder sourced globally, from UNICEF’s Supply Division in Copenhagen and regional supply hubs in China and Indonesia. Additionally, UNICEF is supporting procurement services for the Ministry of Health focused on vaccines.

Funding
Thanks to the generosity of donors, UNICEF’s response to the humanitarian and early recovery needs for children affected by Typhoon Haiyan is now fully funded in line with the Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Strategic Response Plan November 2014.

UNICEF has received a total of $119 million (out of the total inter-agency appeal for US$791 million) for the Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda response. UNICEF’s total appeal to support crisis-affected children and women across the Philippines, including those impacted by Typhoon Haiyan, the Bohol Earthquake, Central Mindanao and the Zamboanga conflict is $138,492,673.

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