

Meeting Notes
Shelter Cluster (Preparedness)
Typhoon Haima (Lawin) information sharing meeting
October 24, 2016

Present:

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1. Introductions

2. Information sharing: Assessment status and results, number of houses damaged and level of damage

Assessments

The government has not officially requested international assistance but several agencies in country are currently carrying out assessments and delivering assistance with available pre-positioned stocks to the affected population. With restricted access to many locations due to landslides and damaged infrastructure, reported data continues to fluctuate. NDRRMC sitrep indicates approximately 46,000 houses are damaged or destroyed.

Relief International, representing PINGON assessment team reported five assessments have been carried out by Relief International, ACF in Cagayan, IMC in Isabela and Good Neighbours in Apayao and Cordillera. Compilation of reports is now in progress and completion of draft is anticipated for Wednesday 26th October. Overall the damage does not seem as significant as Typhoon Haiyan, perhaps 5% - 30% of houses have been damaged either totally or partially. Not much structural damage to houses, but many roofs blown off.

ACF reported 151 totally damaged houses, and 1,000 partially damaged houses in the hard-hit province of Cagayan. These are sparsely populated middle-income areas. Construction type may be predominantly concrete/masonry walled houses.

In the Bagao municipality data was available for 8 out of 48 municipalities where there were 150 totally damaged houses, and 932 partially damaged houses. Extrapolated, this could represent up to 6,000 damaged houses in this municipality. Other municipalities further north, such as in Gattaran had far less damage where the assessment team found only 15 houses damaged. In other provinces such as Ilocos Norte, most damage was from winds uprooting trees and there appeared to be less houses damaged, 156 of those assessed.

IMC in Isabela reported 1,736 totally damaged houses, and 2,728 partially damaged. The Relief International team is now heading back to base, but the ACF and Handicap International teams will remain there. (note: NDRRMC report 24/10/2016 shows 2,117 totally damaged, 10,535 partially damaged in Isabela, please see attached).

Habitat for Humanity has sent 2 assessment teams to Regions 1 and 2, Ilocos Norte, Abra, Kalinga, Abaya, and Isabela, with their focus on the Tuguegarao area. From their report, in consultation with the vice mayor of Tuguegarao, it was found that 677 houses are partially damaged, 40% totally damaged. In Alimanao 314 were partially damaged, 54 totally damaged, in Baliwag, 350 partially damaged and 20 totally damaged, in Bical 363 partially damaged and 43 totally damaged. The team visited 16 barangays and continues to assess other areas. Anticipated completion of assessment is this Wednesday. General impression of Habitat for Humanity team is that there is significant damage, but not like Haiyan. There are more partially damaged houses, than totally damaged houses. The markets are returning, and hardware stores are opening.

Philippines Red Cross has carried out wide-scale assessments with its comprehensive network of Chapters on the ground and continues to consolidate reports on a regular basis. From 23 RC chapters, data came from 1,500 barangays and 180 municipalities. There are 549 displaced families in evacuation centers, some are returning to the home areas, so that number is decreasing. 20,418 totally damaged houses and 89,434 partially damaged houses across the affected areas, these figures are currently being validated. Some areas continue to experience floods.

ACTED has sent an assessment team to 7 municipalities where it was found that 2,110 houses were totally damaged, 7,863 partially damaged and 2,389 are no longer inhabitable. Families require shelter repair kits, and tarpaulins. A discrepancy between census and municipality data was found, with 25,000 families noted in the census, and 60,000 individuals actually living there.

Assessment teams report markets were working in the main towns, and the typhoon appears to have had little effect on them. This suggests that a cash based response

might be appropriate. Cash working group is present and could assist with development of programming.

It was agreed that a 3W report be initiated. Cluster Coordination team will consult OCHA regarding the template and share it with partners as soon as possible.

Assistance:

Yesterday DSWD mentioned delivering 5000 peso / shelter cash transfers to affected families for the emergency relief, and perhaps up to 35,000 pesos for the recovery. This will help to support businesses which have been affected.

Philippine Red Cross has sent NFIs and tarps for 1,500 families which have been distributed today. Hot meals are also being distributed. An appeal has been launched within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, as well as a national appeal.

Other agencies providing assistance not present today are Plan who will distribute 1,000 shelter kits and 755 tarpaulins in Isabela and Cagayan. IOM will distribute 3,500 tarps, 5,000 hygiene and dignity kits in the Cagayan valley.

As the government has not requested international assistance agencies have no view on potential funding opportunities to replenish stocks distributed in this emergency. Furthermore, it is not clear whether there will be funds available to support past the provision of tarpaulins for this response. If the government is in a position to provide assistance to rebuild homes, humanitarian agencies could possibly provide technical support.

Technical assistance - a large number of technical Information, Communication and Education documents which had been developed for the Haiyan response might also be useful for the Haima response. These are available on the sheltercluster.org website: <https://www.sheltercluster.org/response/typhoon-haiyan-2013>

Next meeting:

Wednesday 2nd November, TBC