

THE PHILIPPINES - TYPHOON MANGKHUT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION



- Typhoon Ompong (International name: Mangkhut) made landfall in Baggao, Cagayan Saturday, 15 September 2018. There have been reports of severe agricultural damage, landslides and flooding. According to the government, 218,492 families have been affected.
- Government estimates a total of 1,264 houses have been damaged by the typhoon, this number is expected to grow in the coming days as more areas are reached. IOM assessments, are ongoing to further assess shelter gaps.
- 43,603 families/162,399 persons are residing in 1,780 evacuation centres across Luzon. The DTM assessments are ongoing in Region I, II, III and CAR.

Situation Overview

As of 16 September Super Typhoon Mangkhut (locally named Ompong) has exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) and left in its wake severely damaged crops, a spate of landslides and destroyed homes. Although typhoon warning signals have been lifted, the Hagabat (Southwest Monsoon) is scattering rains across Luzon and the Visayas region. More than 63,769 families in 30 provinces across Luzon are estimated to have been affected by the Typhoon.

IOM assessment teams have been deployed in coordination and support of municipal authorities and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), 1,264 houses have been damaged in Regions I, II, III and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) so far. During consultations with the IOM assessment team, the local government in the province of Claveria in Cagayan has stated that up 80 per cent of crops in the province have been detroyed.

NDRRMC stating that 171,932 farmers have been affected in CAR and over PhP 14 billion in damage (approximately USD 270 M). The NDRRMC is also reporting widespread power outages in Region I, II and CAR. There have also been numerous media reports of fatal landslides across the mountainous regions of Northern Luzon.

IOM stands ready to provide targeted assistance in the sectors of Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), including Displacement tracking, Shelter and mental health and psychosocial assistance. Though NDRRMC data, IOM continues to produce mapping to assist in coordination efforts to address displacement and key vulnerabilities.

CONTACTS

NFI and Shelter

Emergency Shelter kits and essential non-food items for 2000 families are available in country and can be mobilized for distribution immediately. Latest assessments in landslide affected areas indicate urgent needs for emergency shelter kits and transitional shelter support. At present, the Philippine government reports a total of 1,264 houses damaged by the typhoon, this figure is anticipated to increase as additional areas are reached.

DSWD has welcomed IOM's assistance in augmenting their response to these identified needs. IOM continues to coordinate closely with the Philippine Government and partners within the humanitarian community and is ready to deploy these items to complement the government efforts and other shelter partners involved in the response. Assessments are ongoing to determine needs and gaps in relation to this sector.





With the support of OFDA, IOM is currently providing capacity building and technical guidance to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Emergency Shelter, CCCM and displacement tracking. This project has enabled IOM to deploy experts to start up response operations in CCCM and DTM. There are currently 43,603 families/162,399 persons residing in 1,780 evacuation centres in the 30 affected provinces. The IOM DTM team has been deployed to Region I, II, III and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to support DSWD in data gathering, analysis and mapping of the affected areas. See following maps based on NDRRMC situational reports.

Health and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

The Department of Health (DoH) has reported that the Government is able to address the emergency healthcare needs of the affected population and currently is not requesting



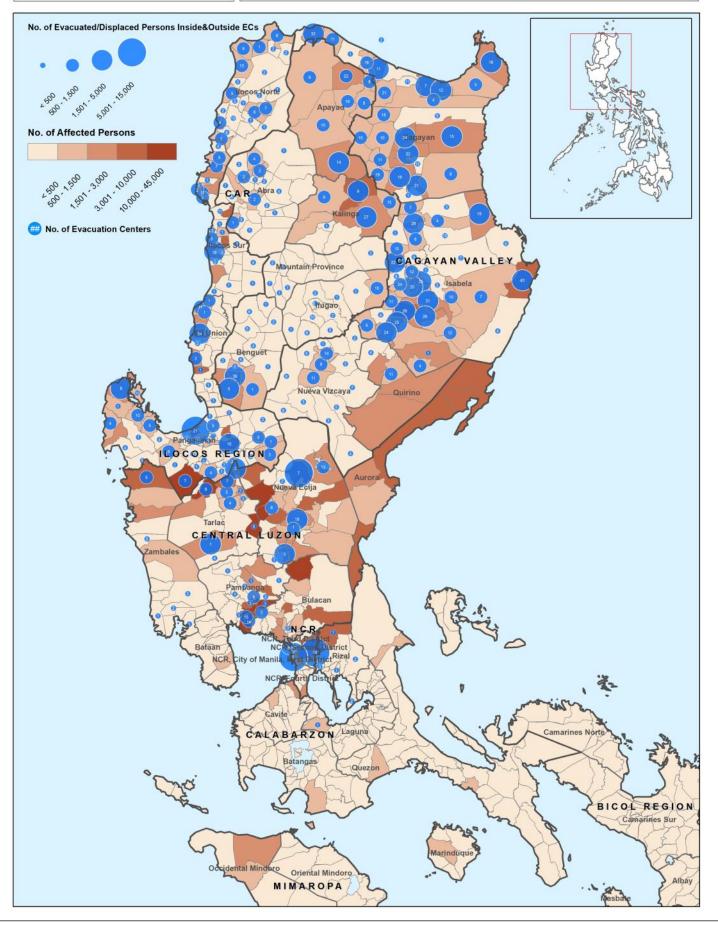
for international assistance. However, psychosocial support and referral pathways, particularly for populations affected by landslides following the typhoon, has been identified as a need and assistance in this sector has also been accepted.

Early Recovery

Damage to crops and livelihoods have been widely reported across the affected areas. As of today, the Government estimates about PhP 14 billion (approximately USD 270 M) in damages to agriculture as a result of the typhoon with over 170,000 farmers affected in CAR alone. Livelihood support and other recovery interventions are currently being discussed with the Government.

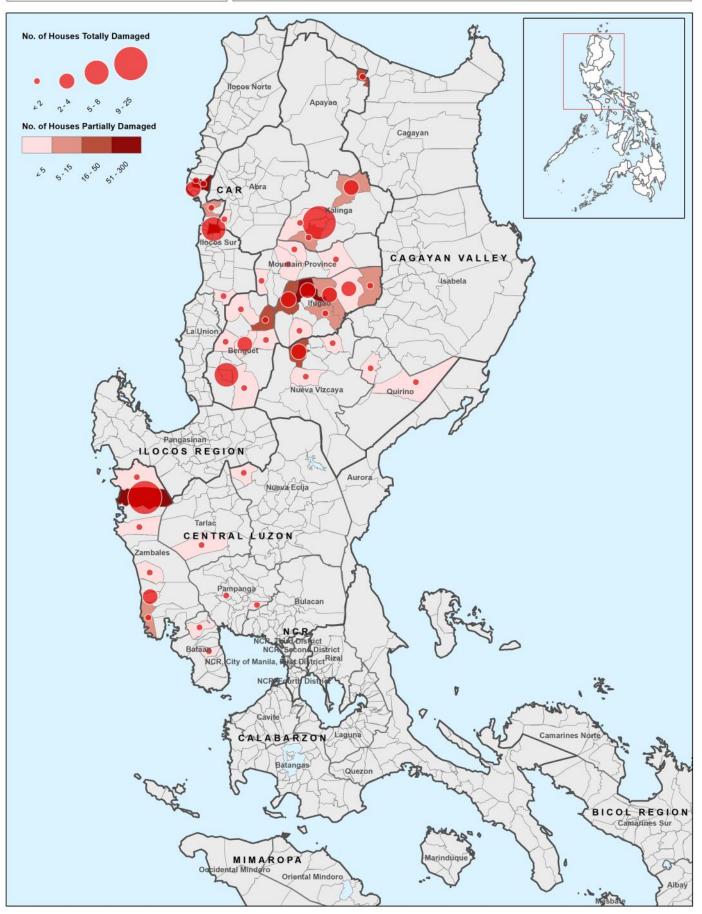


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Judith's Story

Judith's holds her grandson in an evacuation center situated in Barangay Ucab, Itogon, Benguet. The site of a major landslide gaining international media attention and a major response by government counterparts. They are one of 370 families remaining in an evacuation center due to the risk of further landslides.

Judith remains stoic in her outlook and explains to IOM they are grateful to be alive. Her husband works as a small -scale miner in the area and they are close friends to those buried by a landslide. She reflects that the only reason they are alive is they heeded the call of the Mayor to evacuate before the typhoon smashed into the community.

Although thankful, Judith now wonders what the future will bring. She states they don't know if they can ever return to their village due to the risks of further landslides.

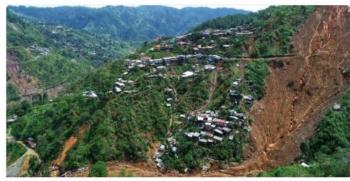


Compounding her concerns is her husband's ability to return to the mining industry, which in this region, may come to an end following the landslides.

Needing to look towards other and unknown means to earn an income, and with a high possibility of needing to permanently relocate, Judith tells IOM she does not know what the future will bring. "We are lucky to be alive, but without knowing if we can ever return back home, or if we can generate an income what is next for us? We have lived here since 1997, so this community and village is our home. But after this typhoon, we do not know if we can stay."

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