

Typhoon Parma Rains Drown Philippines' Luzon Island

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Factbox - Foreign aid for Philippines floods

MANILA, Oct 9 (Reuters) - High water released from dams after heavy rains triggered floods and landslides in the northern part of the main Philippine island of Luzon, with officials on Friday saying over 100 people had died in the past week.

Widespread flooding in and around Manila two weeks ago and another typhoon last week have killed around 450 people and destroyed more than \$258 million in crops and infrastructure on the main Luzon island, said disaster officials.

Here is a breakdown of more than \$100 million worth of humanitarian aid promised and sent so far:

EUROPEAN UNION

- The European Union and some member-states, including Spain, France, Germany and Switzerland, have contributed a total of \$5.6 million.

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations is raising \$75 million to provide food and non-food aid to typhoon victims in the Philippines, weeks after the World Food Programme started delivery of about \$500,000 worth of rice and brought in 3 helicopters and 7 boats to help deliver food and relief materials to flooded areas.

The World Health Organisation has also promised \$42,000 in relief funds while UNICEF has initially provided \$226,350 in food and relief materials.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- \$3 million in cash

UNITED STATES

- Additional \$2 million after U.S. President Barack Obama announced \$1.8 million relief assistance through the U.S. Agency for International Development on Tuesday. Initially, the U.S. embassy in Manila donated \$100,000 in relief efforts. Jerry cans and hygiene kits worth \$400,000 were brought last week.

UNITED KINGDOM

- \$800,000.

CHINA

- \$140,000 in donations, including contributions from Huawei Corporation.

JAPAN

- Tokyo has announced an additional \$4.5 million worth of food supplies. Initially, Japan donated \$220,000 worth of relief goods, including thousands of blankets and sleeping bags, water tanks and water purifiers.

SOUTH KOREA

- \$300,000 in the form of rubber boats, tents, rice, medical supplies and other relief materials. Another \$50,000 was donated by Korea's OCI Company Ltd.

AUSTRALIA

- Canberra announced an extra \$1.8 million in disaster aid in addition to an initial \$879,000 donation to relief efforts in and around flood-hit areas in the capital Manila.

BRAZIL

- \$70,000 donation through the U.N. Development Programme.

CANADA

- About \$4.7 million was promised by Ottawa and an additional \$50,000 was raised by its Manila embassy staff.

SINGAPORE

- The government was sending \$30,000 and an additional \$20,000 was raised by the Singapore Red Cross.

INDONESIA

- Indonesia's PT Indofood Sukses Makmur Tbk pledged to donate one million packs of instant noodles.

TAIWAN

- Taiwan sent knock-down tents for temporary shelter areas.

JORDAN

- Jordan sent tonnes of relief materials, including blankets.

ITALY

- \$314,000, including portable water pumps, generator sets and water purifiers and tanks.

Development and Peace

- The Montreal-based humanitarian group sent \$50,000 donation to the Catholic church-based Caritas charity in Manila

United Arab Emirates Red Crescent Society

- \$100,000 cash donation to the Philippine National Red Cross through the UAE embassy in Manila.

Japan Platform (JPF)

- \$333,333 in relief and medical missions. Three other Japan-based non-government organisations distributed relief goods worth more than \$124,000

OXFAM

- Potable water and non-food items, such as blankets, soaps, cleaning equipment, clothes and water containers.

WORLD VISION

- The humanitarian agency appealed for \$2 million help to provide food and relief goods to 100,000 people in flooded areas near the capital.

ASEAN

The Association of South East Asian Nations has offered to set up an emergency relief fund for member-states hit by typhoons and earthquake. (*Reporting by Manny Mogato*)

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