

Relief Activity Report No. 3

28 October 2009

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1. Indonesia: Earthquake relief in Sumatra

Overall Situation

The latest figures from the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) report that 1,117 people died, the highest number of fatalities are in Padang. 1,214 people are severely injured. The number of houses severely damaged is 135,448; 65,264 houses moderately damaged; and 78,604 houses slightly damaged. Furthermore, 55 health facilities, 162 roads, nine bridges, 1,182 places of worship and 36 markets have been severely damaged.

There are more than 2.5 million people living in the six most affected districts. The BNPB reports that all isolated areas have now been reached but humanitarian organisations are still responding to reports from remote communities who say they have not received any assistance. Shelter remains the biggest need in affected areas with more than 200,000 homeless families. Distribution of emergency shelter continues to be the focus of the majority of agencies.

The rainy season now has started and heavy rains raise concerns for those families which have not yet received emergency shelter or are living in makeshift accommodation. Rains also pose threat to villages living in areas at risk of further landslides.



The Government of Indonesia plans to commence recovery activities from 1 November, but emergency activities will continue for another two months.

Malteser International activities

Malteser International concentrates its relief on the distribution of shelter and relief goods in rural and remote regions. With financial support of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Malteser International teams provide 1,700 families in the village of Pilubang in Sungai Limau sub-district with 1,400 tarpaulins, 1,500 blankets and sleeping mats as well as 1,200 hygiene kits, 500 family tool kits, 200 cooking sets and 100 community tool kits. In the

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village of Pilubang with about 16,000 inhabitants situated in the Padang Pariaman district north of Padang, about 90% of the houses are destroyed and only few relief organisations have up to now found their way to Pilubang. “During our assessment in the rural regions north of Padang we found very few houses that were not destroyed”, Nicole Derbinski,



coordinator of the Malteser International projects in Indonesia, reports from the earthquake region. “The people here are in urgent need of emergency accommodation as well as sleeping mats, blankets, household and hygiene utensils. Furthermore, the rainy season has started and makes the situation of the survivors even more difficult”, Derbinski continues.

Furthermore, Malteser International with financial support of a German foundation will rehabilitate a primary school for 192 pupils in Sungai Limau sub-district starting on 1 November.

With reference to the timeline developed by the Indonesian Government, Malteser International will be prepared to provide further relief also during the early-recovery phase until March 2010 – provided that sufficient financial means are available. Malteser International will then concentrate on target groups who did not yet receive help and/or are especially hit by the earthquake and especially vulnerable.

2. Vietnam: Flood relief after typhoon Ketsana

Overall situation

According to the Vietnamese Committee for Flood and Storm Control (CCFSC), more than three million people suffer from the damages and floods caused by typhoon Ketsana on 29 September 2009. 163 people have died, 616 people were injured and 11 people are still missing. About 600,000 people had to be evacuated. More than 21,614 houses have collapsed and 5,445 classrooms were damaged.

The livelihood of the population has also been destroyed at a large extent: 16,334 hectares of paddy fields have been flooded and a high number of agricultural productive livestock have died.

The village of Danang and the very poor province of Quang-Nam, the project regions where Malteser International has been working since 1966, have especially been hit by the typhoon. Here, about 20,000 houses have collapsed. The roofs of another 18,000 houses were blown away by the storm or completely destroyed. 170,000 houses are flooded. The population predominantly lives on agriculture; huge cultivation areas are flooded and many fish ponds were destroyed. Furthermore, a lot of rice, seeds and poultry were destroyed. – Therefore,

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the poor population in these regions is especially hit. Hunger, cold and infectious diseases will be the consequences. The people are in urgent need of humanitarian aid.

Malteser International activities



Malteser International continues its emergency relief activities for the survivors of typhoon Ketsana: In Danang and in Quang-Nam, Malteser International teams distribute hygiene kits for 5,300 families as well as iron sheets for 670 families for first repairs of their houses. This emergency relief in Danang is financially supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. Further relief measures are prepared in Quang-Nam province as the suffering of the people in this poor province is still enormous.

After the emergency relief has been completed, Malteser International plans to implement a community based disaster preparedness project in Danang as well as to support the rehabilitation in Danang and Quam-Nang. Provided that sufficient financial means are available, Malteser International will then concentrate on the rehabilitation of infrastructure in the fields of basic health care and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene)

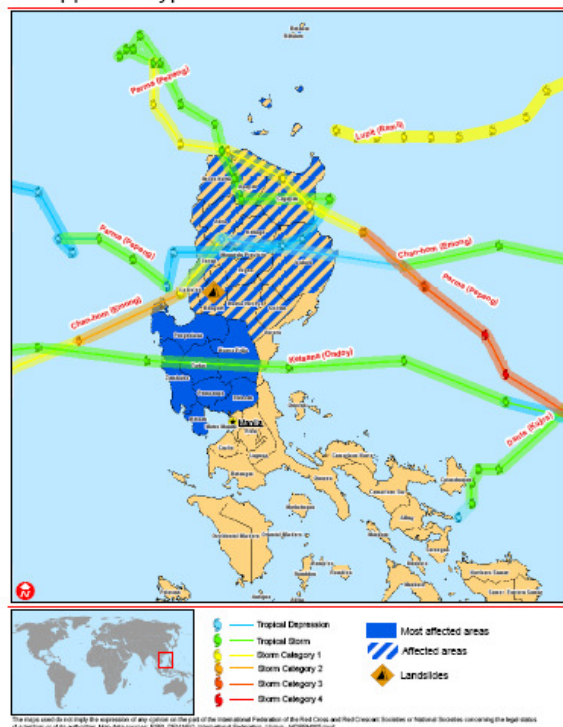
3. Philippines: Emergency relief after Typhoon Parma and Typhoon Ketsana

Overall situation

The situation post typhoon Ketsana and Parma is becoming increasingly critical as threat to human lives continue to escalate. The Government of the Philippines launched last week a Flash Appeal which was envisaged to cover the humanitarian needs of 1,000,000 beneficiaries that were directly and severely affected by said typhoons. Immediately following Ketsana, the Philippines was struck by Typhoon Parma, which significantly increased the original count of affected and displaced. According to the National Disaster Coordinating Council, the total number of affected families by the two storms is now estimated at more than 7.4 million.

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Philippines: Typhoons



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Malteser International activities

In view of the heavy damages and the great need caused by the typhoons in the Philippines, Malteser International has provided initial financial means of 10,000 Euros out of its own resources in order to support the relief measures organized by the Philippine Association and has sent its sincere condolences.

By email dated 8 October 2009, Mrs Odelia G Arroyo, Hospitaller of the Philippine Association, reports as follows:

“With deep gratitude, the Order of Malta Philippines thank you for the 10,000 Euros we received yesterday. This will go a long way to assist the flood victims in Metro Manila. As you might have seen in the news, several towns beside the coast of the Laguna de Bay lake have virtually disappeared and there are doubts that the residents there can ever go back. We will help in assisting some families to rebuild their homes or relocate.

Another 150,000 families were further affected by another typhoon that ravaged the 6 provinces in northern Philippines. Most of these families also lost their homes and again several towns are still under water, some as high as 3 meters of water. These calamities leave our resources drained, and any help will be a blessing...”

In addition to the initial 10,000 EUR, Malteser International now provided another 30,000 EUR for the Philippines. Furthermore, two staff members from Myanmar and Thailand were sent to Manila to support another needs assessment and further emergency relief activities of the Philippine Association and its local partners.

In cooperation with the national association and its local partners, Malteser International distributes food, hygiene sets as well as further urgently needed relief goods to about 2,040 families. Furthermore, they concentrate on the improvement of water supply, sanitation and hygiene for 840 families living in three evacuation centres and run health and hygiene awareness campaigns. Emergency relief for about 2,800 families living in very remote areas that could not be reached up to now is being prepared.

4. Appeal for donations

This is to inform that in response to our previous appeals, the national associations in Australia, Singapore, Puerto Rico and Germany up to now have been the only ones to provide financial contributions for the emergency relief in South-East Asia:

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Australian Association:	3,047 EUR (5,000 Australian \$)
Singapore Association:	6,005 EUR (12,550 Singapore \$)
Association in Puerto Rico:	3,299 EUR (5,000 US \$)
German Association (via Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V.):	333,937 EUR

We are extremely grateful for this support. - Nevertheless, further money and further support is urgently needed to help the Philippine Association respond to typhoons Ketsana and Parma as well as to help the people in Sumatra and Vietnam.

Malteser International would therefore highly appreciate your financial contribution to the benefit of the people in **Sumatra, Vietnam and in the Philippines**. Your contribution allows giving a reliable assistance based on their needs.

In order to avoid “fundraising confusion” and high bank fees, we suggest that all associations should first use their own internal system for collecting donations and just afterwards transfer donations to the following Malteser International bank account:

Donation Account 2020122

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Reference: “Natural Disasters South-Easth Asia”

In case you would like to donate especially and exclusively for the association in the Philippines, please quote “Philippines” in your reference.

We shall keep you informed about all further developments.

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