

INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE

PRINCIPALS AD HOC MEETING ON TYPHOON HAIYAN / THE PHILIPPINES

**Final Summary and Action Points**

19 November 2013

New York: 9:00-10:30 UN Secretariat, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, UNOCC Crisis Room B

Geneva: 15:00-16:30 Palais des Nations, ERCC Room

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## 1. Situation updates

The ERC briefed on the situation and coordination from Manila and IASC Members provided updates on the situation. The following key issues were raised:

**Priority needs** are currently water, food and shelter. Food distribution has started. Telecommunications and water have been restored in Tacloban. Humanitarian organisations must now focus on remote areas. The humanitarian response needs to be flexible in view of population movements.

**Logistics:** Fuel is now available but heavy equipment is needed to clear debris and repair roads. The airlift for tents and shelter material continues. The US military is planning to phase out as more humanitarian personnel and relief items arrive. Airlift capacity will therefore be reduced, increasing the need for strategic logistics management.

**Coordination:** a core HCT meets daily and there is a daily meeting with donors in Manila. Inter-cluster coordination meetings are taking place on a regular basis and additional coordination capacity is on its way. The HC called for close cooperation with the Government and asked clusters to involve the relevant ministries and departments as much as possible. OCHA asked IASC organisations to share quality information on personnel, supplies, locations as well as assessment data and response.

**Needs assessment:** A detailed assessment of emergency and early recovery needs is required to prepare the strategic response plan. The Multi-Cluster Initial Rapid Assessment and the Post Disaster Needs Assessment must be well coordinated.

**Resource mobilisation:** Media coverage is diminishing. Interaction reported that its members have raised USD 78 million. WASH, Health and early recovery clusters are underfunded. It is intended to launch the humanitarian response plan for the Philippines the week of 3 December before the launch of the global plans the following week.

**Protection:** Key issues are gender-based violence, child protection, reaching remote areas, and human trafficking. IOM, OHCHR, UNHCR, and UNICEF are working in close cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (co-chair). Special needs of IDPs and people in remote areas need to be addressed. Efforts are underway to set up a protection network with local NGOs.

**Early Recovery:** The disaster has destroyed crops, fisheries, livestock and infrastructure. A senior Early Recovery Coordinator was deployed. The first Cash for Work programme to clear debris has started. Local NGOs will play a key role.

## **2. L3 activation and action points from the last meeting**

**Leadership:** Chris Kaye is confirmed as Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator and will start working in-country on Monday, 25 November.

**Coordination:** The IARRM has worked well enabling rapid deployment of pre-defined surge capacity. The challenge is now to replace personnel deployed with new surge capacity. INGO are working with local partners. The Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement has deployed Emergency Response Units in Telecommunications, WASH, and Health. 43 foreign medical teams and 45 national medical brigades are active. The EDG was asked to plan the real-time operational review.

**Common advocacy priorities and key messages:** The ERC key messages will be frequently revised. WHO asked that the urgency attributed to health and water in the meeting be reflected in the key messages.

**Accountability to Affected People:** IASC need to live up to their commitments on Accountability to Affected People. New media and technologies should be used to inform communities, and even more importantly, to listen to affected people and get their feedback. The EDG will draft an AAP framework.

### **The IASC Principals:**

- 1. Requested HC and HCT to continue efforts to strengthen inter-cluster coordination and requested clusters to work in close cooperation with the Government. **Action by:** HC and HCT by the end of November.*
- 2. Asked all organisations and clusters to cooperate with UNHCR to include protection measures in their work and to cooperate with national institutions and networks to prevent human trafficking and protect vulnerable groups. **Action by:** IASC organizations led by UNHCR by 15 December.*
- 3. Asked the EDG, with the support of the IASC Task Force on AAP, to propose actions to implement the commitments on accountability to affected people in the Philippines. **Action by:** the EDG by the end of November.*
- 4. Requested the HCT to develop a strategic response plan, based on the MIRA that would be launched in the first week of December. **Action by:** the HCT, by 3 December.*