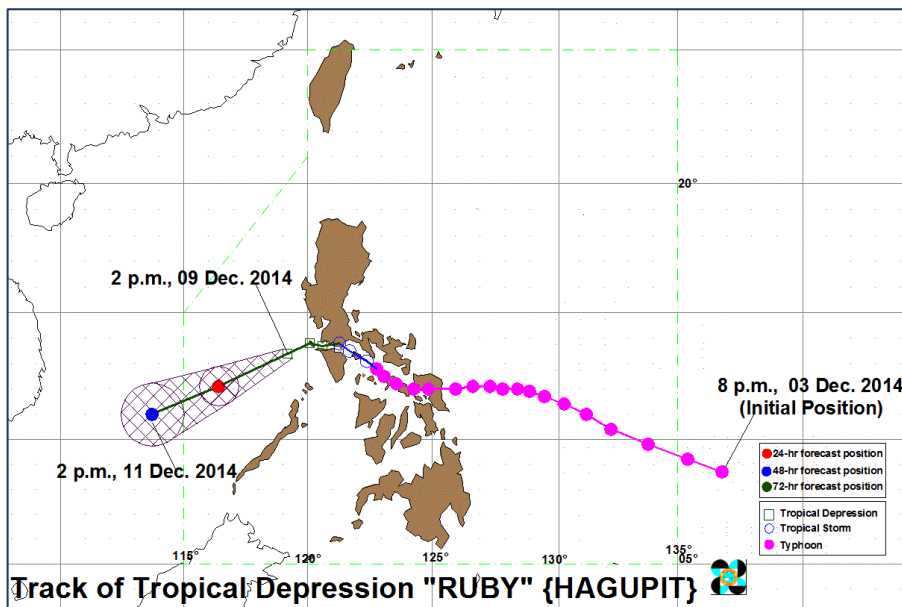


## Typhoon Hagupit – Situation Report



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### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Typhoon Hagupit has weakened into a tropical depression and made its fifth landfall over Lubang Island at 05:00 this morning, 9 December. It is now heading towards the West Philippine Sea, and all public storm warnings have been lifted. It is expected to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) by Thursday morning, 11 December.
- According to the latest National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) report as of 9 December, there are 456,386 families or 2,086,562 individuals affected in 36 provinces across the eight regions, including the National Capital Region. A total of 363,118 families or 1,652,887 individuals were identified inside 4,331 evacuation centres (EC)<sup>1</sup>.

#### Casualties/ Damage reported so far:

The NDRRMC issued the following report this morning:

- **Casualties:** Three deaths were reported in the provinces of Cebu, Samar, and Biliran, with numbers likely to rise as more reports come in. Further evaluation by the Department of Health (DOH) led to the exclusion of two earlier reported deaths in Iloilo. More reports of casualties may be reported in the coming days.
- **Airports, Flights and Seaports:** A total of 61 domestic and 9 international flights have been cancelled due to bad weather. As for seaports 1,523 passengers, 38 vessels, 379 rolling cargoes are still stranded due to bad weather.

<sup>1</sup> IOM Sub-office EC assessment teams report that all ECs in Region VI, VII, and VIII, except for Astrodome in Tacloban, and ECs in Biliran have closed.

- **Power Outages/Communications:** 20 provinces in 6 regions are experiencing power outages due to the Typhoon. Power has been restored in affected provinces of Romblon, Masbate, Bohol and in certain municipalities of Camarines Sur (see map attached).  
Globe and Smart mobile networks are currently unavailable in some parts of Leyte and Eastern Samar.
  - **Roads and Bridges:** In Regions V and VIII, three road sections are closed due to flooding, landslides and fallen trees.
  - **Flooded Areas:** 16 flooded areas were reported in Quezon Province, Laguna and Marinduque.  
An initial total of PhP 1,040,396,587.00 (USD \$23,145,641.00) worth of damage to crops, livestock, fisheries, and facilities was reported in Regions V, VI, and VIII according to NDRRMC.
  - **Declaration of State of Calamity:** Albay, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes and Laguna have all declared their provinces under a state of calamity under Republic Act 10121.
- During a coordination meeting in Borongan, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) officially requested to activate the Government Clusters for Shelter, WASH and Food. DSWD requested assistance from humanitarian partners for these clusters and then asked for pledges from agencies and NGOs in attendance.
- The Government of the Philippines continues to conduct needs assessments in the Hagupit-affected areas to find out more information and details on the main damages and needs.

#### IOM UPDATES

- IOM teams deployed to conduct assessments in **Eastern Samar** had the following observations:
- Most rapid assessments are complete although data is still coming in from hard-to-reach places. IOM teams went to backland areas in the municipalities of Taft, Arteche and Dolores today. IOM will also start conducting the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) tomorrow morning, starting in Taft and moving north.
  - Heavy damage to housing, especially to those built without proper construction technics and with light materials such as nipa (species of native palm).
  - Most evacuation centres are closed and people are leaving to go back to their homes. However some evacuation centres are expected to stay open for a longer duration due to heavier damages sustained by houses and infrastructure particularly in the municipalities of Dolores, Arteche, Oras, Can-Avid, Sulat, Taft, all located along the coast in Eastern Samar.
  - According to government figures, there are 204,517 people affected in Eastern Samar; 12,000 houses have been completely damaged and 22,000 houses partially damaged.
  - IOM teams will start distributing relief goods tomorrow, 10 December, including 5,000 tarps, 5,000 hygiene kits, 10,000 aquatabs and 2,000 jerry cans.
  - There is a need for shelter (tents and emergency kits), WASH and food assistance in these affected municipalities.
- In one barangay in **Guiuan**, IOM's initial validation process identified 30 out of 85 households as potential beneficiaries for shelter repair kits. IOM CCCM teams are supporting the Guiuan Local Government Units with complementary assistance for the Hagupit response.

- In **Tacloban**, IOM reported that all evacuation centres except the Astrodome are closed in Tacloban City. In the Astrodome, only seven families who come from a coastal barangay that was heavily affected by Typhoon Haiyan are still living there. IOM actively conducted communications activities during pre-evacuations through the distribution of 2,000 copies of flyers that explain how to set up shelters in preparation for the typhoon and radio messaging on preparedness for the upcoming typhoon, among others. Overall, 6,000 communication materials were distributed to increase awareness before and during the landfall of Hagupit. In addition, IOM is providing health support at the health posts already existing in various sites as part of the previous Typhoon Haiyan response.

-In **Ormoc**, as of today, all evacuation centres opened in Western Leyte during the landfall of Hagupit have been closed and families have gone back home. It has been observed by the IOM team in Ormoc that proper identification of safe evacuation centres needs to be strengthened for future disasters in order to have a list of appropriate and usable ECs. In Western Leyte and Biliran, 1,323 houses are reported to have been totally damaged and 18,818 partially damaged, needing immediate repair assistance. Municipality assessment is still ongoing. Some areas of Biliran are not passable due to landslides and floods.

### BENEFICIARY STORY – A LIGHT IN THE STORM

For Lolita Yamyamin, a health care worker who has been working for 15 years in the Rural Health Unit (RHU) in Pontevedra Municipality, Capiz Province, Typhoon Hagupit came at a very critical moment. In this RHU, where IOM has been providing health care support, she was helping a mother deliver a baby.

Cathy Ramos, a young mother, was in the delivery room of the RHU when Typhoon Hagupit hit the area and caused a blackout in the whole municipality.



The Ramos family with their newborn baby. Pontevedra, Capiz © IOM 2014

“The baby’s head was already showing when the power shut down. I had to act very quickly”, says Lolita. She rushed out and activated the power generator which had been provided to the RHU by IOM through the support of AmeriCares. The light came back instantly. Soon after, Cathy Ramos gave birth to a healthy, 8-pound baby boy.

Recalling that critical moment, Cathy says: “I wasn’t scared even a bit because I knew I was in good, competent hands.” Now with their newest member, the Ramos family is happily waiting for Cathy to be discharged to return to their house.