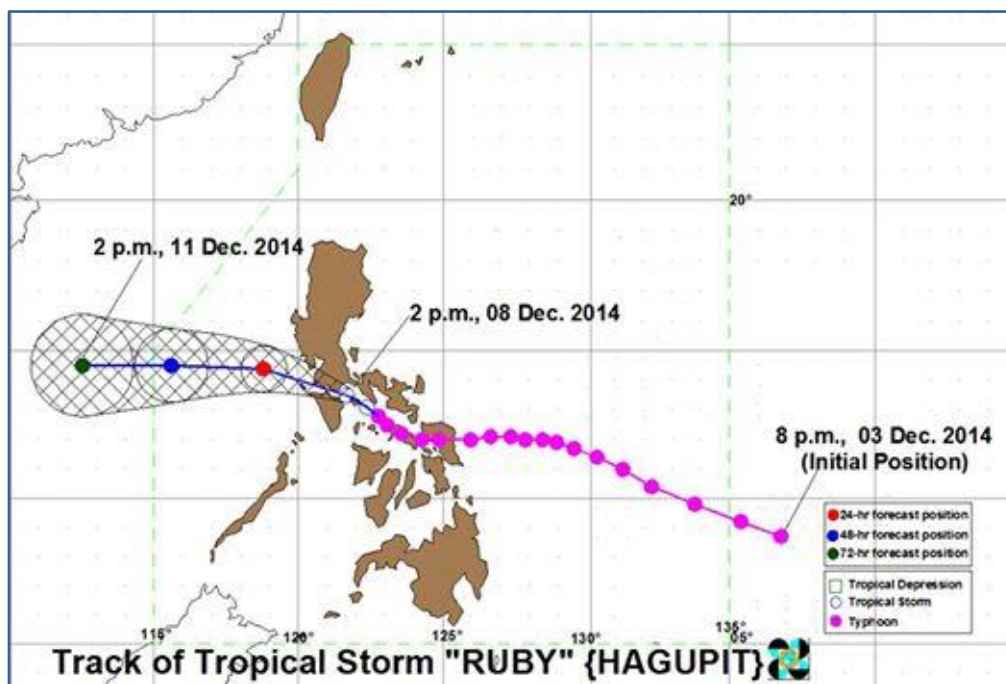


Typhoon Hagupit – Situation Report



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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Typhoon Hagupit (locally known as Typhoon Ruby) has weakened while passing Sibuyan Sea within the Philippine Area of Responsibility (AOR) and has now been downgraded to a tropical storm.
- According to the weather bulletin issued by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration this afternoon at 17:00 Manila time, the third expected landfall will be in Northern Mindoro between 18:00 – 20:00 local time and will be associated with strong winds, storm surges and moderate to heavy rainfall. Estimated rainfall amount is from 5 – 15 mm per hour within the 450 km diameter of the typhoon. Hagupit is expected to exit the Philippine (AOR) on Wednesday evening, 10 December.
- Storm warning signal 2 was raised over Luzon. The strong winds and heavy rains may affect rice and corn fields, uproot large trees, and unroofed thatched roof houses.

Forecast Positions:

- Next 24 hour (tomorrow afternoon): 240 km West of Quezon City.
 - Next 48 hour (Wednesday afternoon): 590 km West of Quezon City.
 - Next 72 hour (Thursday afternoon): 920 km West of Quezon City.
- Transportation and communications are a main concern, especially considering that many remote and hard-to-reach communities are part of those affected and government and humanitarian teams have difficulties in reaching them to provide support and relief goods.

Casualties/ Damage reported so far:

- There have been unconfirmed casualties of 21 people from North Samar and two deaths reported in the Province of Iloilo.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) issued the following report this morning:

- **Affected Population:** 232,948 families/1,074,080 persons are affected, with 230,569 families/1,066,141 persons currently being served inside and outside evacuation centers.
- **Airports and Flights:** 183 domestic flights have been cancelled.
- **Seaports:** A total of 2,663 passengers, 94 sea vessels, and 644 rolling ship cargoes are stranded due to bad weather.
- **Power Outages/Telecommunication:** 16 provinces in five regions are experiencing power outages: Region 4-A (Quezon), Region 4-B (Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon), Region 5 (Albay, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur), Region 6 (Iloilo, Antique) and Region 8 (Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Samar, Leyte, Southern Leyte). The country's two major mobile networks are currently experiencing downtime in some parts of Leyte and Eastern Samar.

- Initial observations from the affected areas indicate visible houses damaged in North Samar and also damages to livelihood.

- Eleven countries have pledged to help the Philippine Government in its relief and rehabilitation efforts: Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, United Kingdom, and United States.

IOM UPDATES

- IOM teams deployed from Guiuan have reached Dolores on Monday, which was where Typhoon Hagupit made its first landfall. IOM teams reported heavy damages but – in the spirit of resilience, which has characterised typhoon response in this country, Filipinos were already out repairing and some local businesses were already open.

- IOM has started conducting the Displacement Tracking Matrix in previously affected Haiyan-affected areas, especially in region VII and VIII to record new damages caused by Hagupit and is also supporting the local government with initial needs assessments, for example in Borogan, Eastern Samar, Region VIII.

- IOM has also started to rebuild damaged bunkhouses that were affected by Hagupit by re-installing new corrugated galvanized iron (CGI) sheets on roofs.

- IOM in Guiuan started shelter assessments. The morning of 8 December IOM deployed a team of 13 validators to conduct assessment of the infrastructures. Out of 805 households visited, around 300 potential beneficiaries were identified in need of recovery shelter kits.

- IOM is working with the Communication with Communities – Accountability to Affected Populations (CWC-AAP) working groups in Leyte, Western Leyte, Samar and Panay Region. IOM actively campaigns for preemptive evacuation of families living in the danger zones.

- Over 4,000 copies of the newsletter on Information for Disaster Preparedness were distributed by IOM in Tacloban. Utilizing the IOM-sponsored radio shows, CWC assistants broadcasted the key messages in disaster preparedness, Shelter and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM).

BENEFICIARY STORY - HAVING LEARNED FROM TYPHOON HAIYAN

Typhoon Hagupit (locally called Ruby) tested everything the Bernadas family learned after Typhoon Haiyan. “I didn’t wait for the news to tell us that the storm has entered the country” says Leonila Bernadas, a 61-year old resident of Pontevedra Municipality in Capiz Province. “As early as Friday morning, December 5, we moved to a nearby evacuation centre right away.”

When Typhoon Ruby hit the province of Capiz last Sunday December 7, all members of the Bernadas family, including Leonila’s 27-year old son Joel, who has hydrocephalus, were already in one of the nearby schools seeking evacuation.

“This time, I feel like we were more prepared” Leonila continued. “My family is safe. It wasn’t just because the storm was not as intense as Yolanda but because this time, we knew what we have to do and where to go.”

Leonila is among the community members who received the disaster preparedness modules, a component of IOM CCCM programme of interventions for Typhoon Haiyan-affected communities. Through this disaster preparedness module people learn how to respond to natural disasters in order to ensure their safety and to reduce potential risks and damages.



The Bernadas family back home after the storm passed © IOM 2014