

# Reflections on Migration Crises

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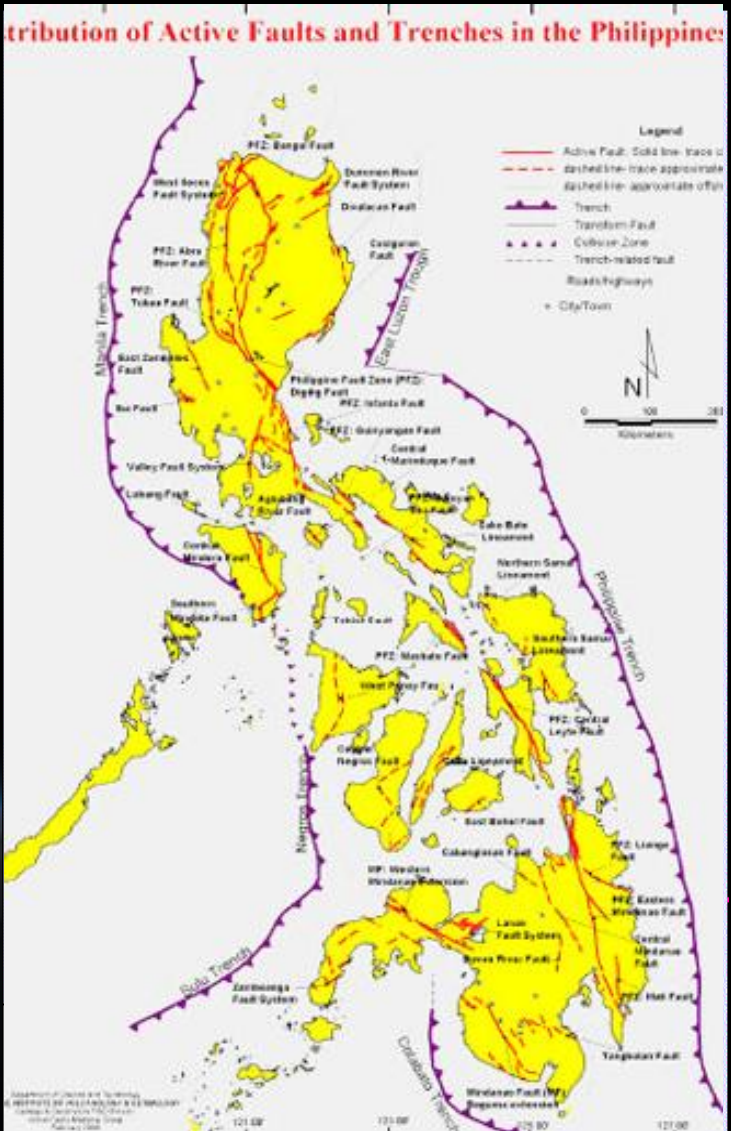
# Discussion Outline

- Context: Disasters in the Philippines
- Legal Frameworks and Institutional Arrangements: Philippine Disaster Management System
- Population Movements: Short- and Long Term Solutions
- Moving to Safety: Reflections on Migration Crises





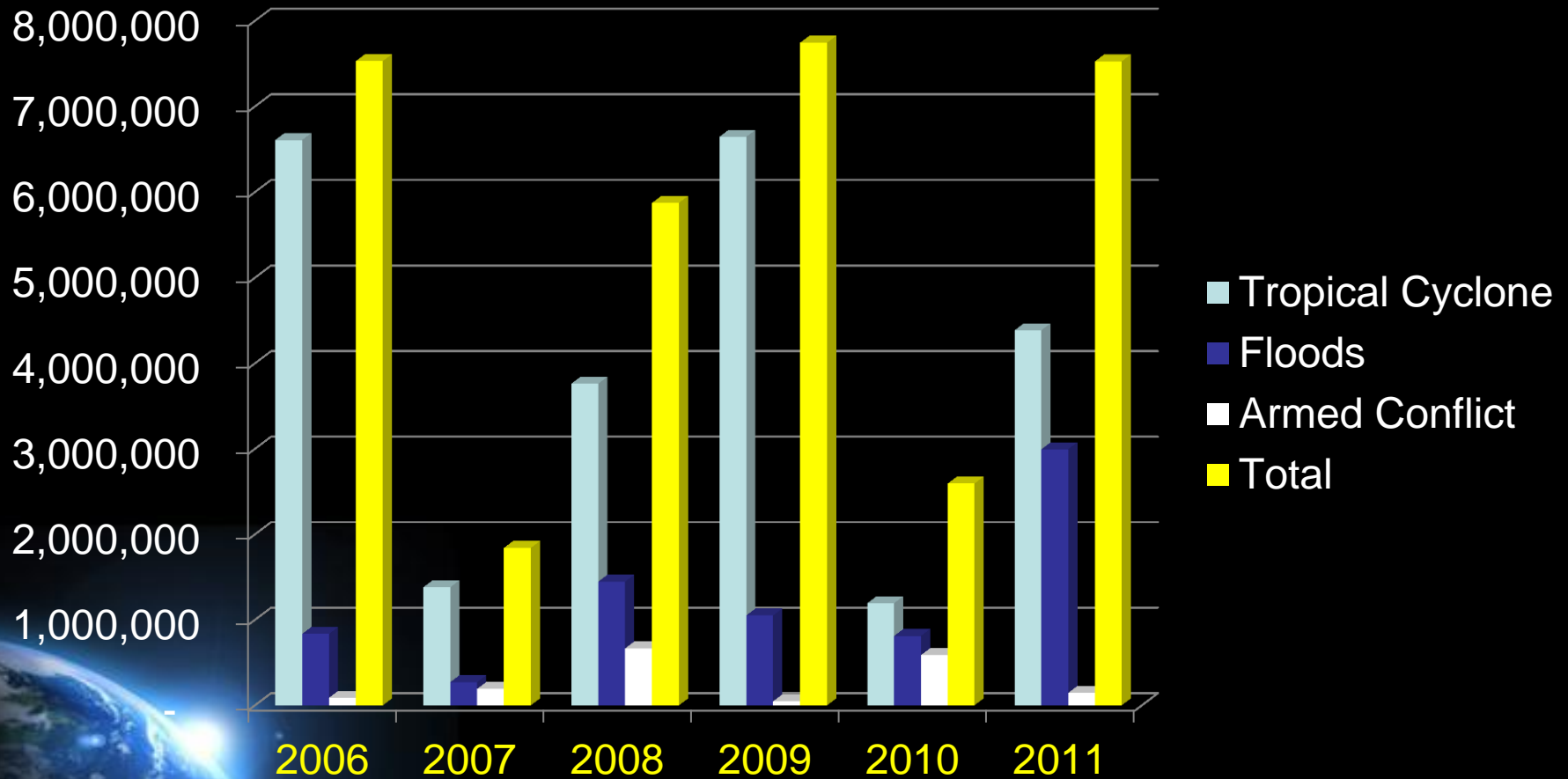
# Disasters in the Philippines



- Typhoon Belt of the Western Pacific
  - Average 19 typhoons per year / 6-9 makes landfall
- The country lies in the Pacific Ring of Fire
  - With 25 active volcanoes
- On-going insurgency waged by 2 major groups



# Annual Displaced Populations (2006-2011)





# Philippine Disaster Management System – Legal Framework

- **Republic Act 10121 of 2010**
  - “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010”
  - Salient Features: Policy Statements, Scope, Institutional Mechanisms, Funding
- **Memorandum Circular No. 5 of 2007 (amended in 2008)**
  - Institutionalized the Cluster Approach in the Philippine Disaster Management System
    - Government Lead and Humanitarian Country Team co-Leads



# Philippine Disaster Management System – Structure

- NDRRMC
- 17 Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils
- 80 Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils
- 1,609 City/Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils
- 42,956 Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils



## Benefits of the Structure:

- Preparedness plan
- Budget
- Support from higher level of government
- Engagement of Red Cross and NGOs



# The Cluster Approach in the Philippines

CLUSTER	Government Lead	IASC Country Team Counterpart
Food and Non-Food Items (NFI)	Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)	World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Camp/IDP Management, Emergency Shelter and Protection	Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)	International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)/UN Habitat, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Permanent Shelter and Livelihood	Department of Social Welfare and Devt	International Labor Organization (ILO), UN Habitat
WASH, Health, Nutrition, and Psychosocial Services	Department of Health (DOH)	UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Program (WFP)
Education	Department of Education (DepED)	UNICEF and Save the Children



# The Cluster Approach in the Philippines

<b>CLUSTER</b>	<b>Government Lead</b>	<b>IASC Country Team Counterpart</b>
Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications	Office of Civil Defense/NDRRMC Operations Center	WFP, UNICEF, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA)
Agriculture	Department of Agriculture (DA)	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Early Recovery	Office of Civil Defense (OCD)	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
Water	Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS)	





# Short- and Long-Term Solutions

- **Camp management**
  - Establishment of evacuation centers
  - Mobilizing government and private sector support
- **Return to communities (or Provinces) or Origin**
  - Emergency Shelter Assistance & *Balik-Probinsya*
- **Resettlement and Livelihood Support**
  - Principle of “One Government” in providing support to displaced and disaster-affected communities:
    - Interaction between Housing, Resettlement and Livelihood with the Disaster Response Agencies
    - Shelter, Site Development and Community Facilities/Infrastructures



# Reflections on Migration Crisis

- **Raise national awareness of the problem;**
- **Need for credible and timely information**
- **Allocate adequate resources;**
- **Cooperation with international community**
- **Support durable solutions;**



# Permanent Relocation Site



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