

## **EFFECTS OF TYPHOON DURIAN**

**Source: National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), Philippines  
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The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) are receiving reports now from Maridduque, another island province affected by Typhoon Durian.

- No power yet in the whole province
- Communication via landline is available.
- According to the Governor, 80% of the population is affected.
- Undetermined number of houses made of light materials were either totally or partially damaged.
- Damage to crops (banana, coconut and mango), still undetermined

Albay:

National roads from Manila going to Legaspi City were already cleared of debris (fallen trees, electric posts and mud deposits from mountain slopes). The NDCC are receiving reports of deaths from Albay, mostly from the villages at the foot of Mayon Volcano, (only body count, some yet to be identified) and missing persons as reported by relatives. Most of the dead bodies that are yet to be identified were those that were buried and retrieved from the mudslides.

No communications yet with Catanduanes

No power yet in the whole provinces of Camarines Sur, Albay and Catanduanes.

Affected population- 93,582 families or 455,593 persons from 694 villages of 67 municipalities and 6 cities in 11 provinces of Regions IV-A, IV B and V.

Evacuees- 5,612 families or 29,790 persons

Damaged Houses: 24,545 totally and 80,532 partially

Dead: 208

injured: 82

Missing: 261

The Department of Health provided compact food, cadaver bags, medicines. The Department of Social Welfare Department provided relief consisting of tents, canned goods, etc.

5,700 sacks of rice, released by NDCC through OCD

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Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) Chairman Richard J. Gordon on Friday relayed a statement from President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo that the Philippines welcomes international assistance in the wake of the great loss of lives and property due to Typhoon Reming (international name: Durian) to facilitate the flow of humanitarian assistance to the thousands of affected families.

In less than 36 hours after the typhoon hit the Bicol region and much of the Southern Tagalog provinces of Luzon Island, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) mobilized an initial emergency assistance of 100,000 Swiss Francs from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), said Roger Bracke, the IFRC Head of Delegation in the Philippines. An amount of 40,000 Euros has also been pledged by the Netherland Red Cross, with a planeload of relief supplies being readied by the Spanish agency Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECI) to be flown to the country as soon as possible.

The Canadian government has also sent an immediate assistance of 1 million Canadian Dollars -- 500,000 through the IFRC appeal and 500,000 through CIDA. Meanwhile, the New Zealand government and USAID have also pledged their assistance.

Gordon said that sending the message across to foreign benefactors that the Philippines is in need of -- and welcomes -- relief and recovery assistance, is a positive step toward mobilizing the foreign community's resources to help the unfortunate families. "I am going to impress upon the President the significance of letting the world know about the destruction left behind by the super typhoon," Gordon said. "And that we wholeheartedly welcome any assistance that can be given in this hour of great need." Gordon stressed the humanitarian mission of PNRC, as part of the worldwide Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to save lives and improve lives. "We will always come to the aid of the most vulnerable in our communities, but in a way that helps them get back on their feet with their self-reliance and human dignity intact," he added.

The PNRC has had to struggle with disrupted communications during the first few hours after the passage of the typhoon, with initial reports within the first 36 hours indicating at least 116 persons have been killed and the tally of affected families at 50,000, or a running total of about 150,000 affected people at latest count.