

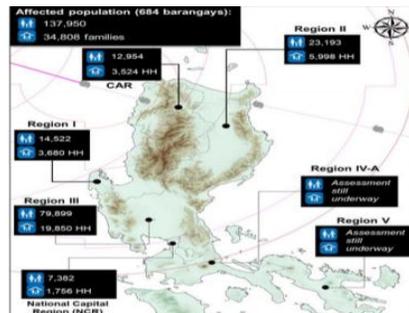


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Spot report : Forty killed by typhoon Mangkhut, The Philippines.

Background



Typhoon Mangkhut (locally named Ompong) has made landfall in Cagayan Province and passed provinces in the northern Luzon of the Philippines on 15 September 2018. Typhoon Mangkhut, which has already blasted through the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam, is speeding across the Pacific with winds that can gust as high as 255 kilometres (160 miles) per hour. Thousands began evacuating in seaside areas of the northern tip of the main Philippine island of Luzon. After the center of the storm passed the Philippines, Mangkhut's winds slowed but it remains a very powerful storm system with maximum sustained winds of 215 kph (134 mph). It's now pounding the Philippines with heavy rain, and heading west into the South China Sea toward Hong Kong and southern China.

The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System said in total up to 43.3 million people could be affected by the storm in the Philippines and southern China. More than three million people live in northern Luzon, which is sparsely populated compared to other parts of the island. Flooding, landslides and wind damage from the coming storm were top concerns as authorities prepared equipment for rescue and relief operations. More than 250,000 people were affected by the storm across the country. As of Saturday, the storm had caused 51 landslides in the Philippines' north. Search crews are looking for people reported missing in the mountainous Cordillera region, Political Affairs Secretary Francis Tolentino said. The presidential spokesperson for Rodrigo Duterte told reporters Sunday that 40 people had died. The most of the deaths were due to landslides and mainly occurred in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Power and communication lines went down, making it hard to contact more remote areas and assess damage. Schools were shuttered and some farmers took to their fields to start early harvest of corn and rice that could be ruined by flooding. Tuguegarao airport in northern Luzon, a vital transportation hub, has been damaged, and made difficulty for bringing humanitarian aid. The issue for emergency services remains clearing debris from main roads.

Actions Taken

Warning was given and informed that millions people are at risk from rising flood waters and landslides. The pre-emptive evacuation was done on coastal municipalities, the villages that are prone to storm surge. The civil defence office in Manila said towns and cities on Mangkhut's path are preparing government buildings as evacuation centers, stockpiling food and other emergency rations.

On 16 September, 2018 The Philippines military sent two C-130 airplanes and 10 helicopters to Cagayan province for typhoon relief and rescue efforts, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said Saturday, according to Philippine News Agency (PNA). Government of the Philippines has not made any request for international assistance.

Department of Health (DOH) is stockpiling medicines and medical supplies. The DOH also provided doxycycline to the Search Rescue and Retrieval Team of National Incident Management Team.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS -

Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

Section	Ranking	Issues identified	Recommendations
Dozens killed by typhoon Mangkhut, The Philippines.	G	The government be able to handle the situation and made no request for international assistance. The assessment of this situation is green.	AMS monitor the situation.

Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

NA: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

ACMM Recommendations,

According to the current situation, the ACMM is monitoring the situation for providing monitoring and update to member countries.

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