

Philippines – Typhoon Haiyan

ETC Situation Report #2

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Highlights

- In addition to the ETC Coordinator and the ETC NGO Coordinator, a Communication Officer has arrived to support the ETC team with communications, information management and reporting.
- Ericsson Response and Luxembourg partners are supporting the ETC through in-kind donations of ICT equipment and expertise to deploy common data connectivity services.

Cluster Responsibilities

- WFP is leading ETC activities in Philippines with responsibility for coordination, implementation and overall operation support for common ICT services.

Achievements

- The first local ETC meeting was held on 13/11/13. Eight humanitarian organizations were represented, with majority NGO representation.
- The three ICT technical experts are conducting a full assessment in Tacloban. Basic data and voice services are already available to the humanitarian community at the Tacloban airport.
- VSAT equipment delivered to Tacloban and being setup by the ETC for internet connectivity for the humanitarian community.
- Two Ericsson Response volunteers are in Manila supporting the ETC team (ready to be deployed to Tacloban on 14/11/2013) and the second wave of Ericsson response volunteers is expected to arrive later in the week to Manila.
- The first Luxembourg team is now in Manila and the second team is expected to arrive in Cebu on 14/11/13.
- Agreement with NetHope (a consortium of 41 NGOs) representative regarding partnership in collaborative delivery of ETC services to the NGO community.

Challenges and Gaps

- Main challenge is access to the affected areas due to damaged transport infrastructure.
- Fuel shortages may hamper the sustained operation of the generators for the provision of ETC services.

Planned Activities

- More stable internet connectivity services are expected to be provided in Tacloban airport on 14/11/13 using the emergency.lu VSAT kit and Ericsson Response WIDER. The data connectivity services will be extended to two additional sites in Tacloban: the Town hall and the Stadium where the IHP is expected to set up a base camp.
- Shipment of additional equipment including high capacity generators, telecommunications and IT equipment to Cebu and other affected areas.
- A joint ICT assessment mission will be conducted in Roxas (starting 16/11/2013) in partnership with NetHope and other interested ETC partners.
- The ETC is planning to provide critical communication services to the humanitarian community in a total of five common operational areas (Tacloban, Cebu, Roxas City and two additional locations tbc). All locations are to be provided with security communications and data connectivity services.

Meetings

Global ETC teleconference

- The next Global ETC teleconference will be held on 15/11/13 at 19:00 (Manila time). Meeting details available on the ICT Emergency Website.

Local ETC coordination meeting

- The next Local ETC coordination meeting will be held on 15/11/13 at 10:00 in Manila at the Plan International office. Meeting details available on the ICT Emergency website.

Contacts & Additional Information

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the ICT Emergency website:
<http://ictemergency.wfp.org>

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