



SITUATION REPORT

PACIFIC TYPHOONS



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THE PHILIPPINES

SITUATION

This fall, the Philippines was hit by typhoon after typhoon (the regional term for hurricane). On November 1, Super Typhoon Goni made landfall and was the strongest tropical cyclone in the world in 2020. It hit the region of Luzon just a week after another cyclone - Typhoon Molave. Less than two weeks after Typhoon Goni, Typhoon Vamco hit the same area. It was the deadliest typhoon to hit the country this year, causing 67 deaths. The typhoons caused torrential rainfall, mudslides, flooding, and severe winds. Due to the multiple cyclones, tens of thousands of homes were damaged. Strong, rapidly intensifying cyclones like these are becoming more common because of climate change-induced warm ocean waters. In addition to the damage from the typhoons, COVID-19 is still a serious issue in the Philippines.



Provinces impacted by the typhoons

RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is contributing to an appeal from ACT Alliance to support the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP). NCCP is providing relief through food packages, hygiene kits, and cash assistance for communities affected by the typhoons.

Additionally, NCCP will engage in long-term recovery by assisting in the rebuilding of damaged homes, restoring agricultural livelihoods, and conducting disaster risk reduction and climate change awareness workshops.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the cyclones in the Philippines. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

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