

BRIEF DISASTER ASSESSMENT REPORT

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LOCATIONS VISITED: Barangay Bagong Silang, Barangay Santiago, Barangay Hinaplanon, Barangay Villaverde

AREAS AFFECTED: 68% of Iligan City (or 28 Barangays of the 44 Barangays of the entire Iligan City)

I. EVENT OVERVIEW:

Iligan City is situated between two big rivers (the Hinaplanon and Tubod rivers).

Iligan City is composed of 44 barangays (or villages, a “barangay” is the smallest administrative division of the Philippines).

As a result of the heavy rains brought about by **typhoon “Sendong”** (international name “Washi”) on December 16, 2011, flashflood occurred in the two big rivers of Iligan (Hinaplanon and Tubod rivers) and overflowed resulting in mudflow that impacted 28 villages or barangays of the 44 barangays of Iligan City. A total of 11,396 families are affected, reported dead so far is 283 and reported missing is 406. Half of those reported dead are children.

There are Christian churches including the main Iligan Lutheran Church have been flooded. A quick disaster assessment team led by Lutheran Pastor Bong Pallatao (Bishop of the Mindanao Lutheran District of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP) conducted an **Initial Damage and Needs Survey** of the affected areas.

According to the survey a total of 11,396 families were affected, including both Lutherans and non-Lutherans lost their homes or otherwise had their homes damaged, inundated and rendering all their things and belongings unusable or unserviceable.

Based on the official damage report submitted to the President (Pres. Aquino) of the Republic of the Philippines, the following are the consolidated damage report:

II. DAMAGE INFORMATION

Agriculture, Infrastructre, properties:

#	DESCRIPTION	Estimated Value of damage
1	Damage on Agriculture (ricefields, vegetables, fruits, livestock, etc.)	P 19.7 Million
2	Damage to properties	P 196 Million
3	Infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)	P 373 Million
	TOTAL	P 589 Million

Casualties:

Dead	283
Missing	406
Affected Number of families	11, 396

III. NEEDS

Based on this quick survey, affected families and persons need urgent assistance in terms of drinking water, food and cooking utensils and supplies (rice, canned goods, cooking oil, salt, etc.) clothes for adults and children, diapers for babies, and school supplies.

Currently, affected families who lost their homes (or their houses rendered unlivable) are temporarily sheltered in Iligan's 16 evacuation centers.

IV. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED SO FAR:

Despite initial assistance from national and neighboring regions, most of the assistance could not reach Iligan because the donated goods are first distributed in Cagayan de Oro City (a neighbor city, 80 kilometers from Iligan), which is already equally damaged and destroyed by the flashfloods.

Cagayan de Oro City has an airport and a big sea port. Unlike Iligan City, Iligan has no airport, and only a small pier.

Most of the donated goods (from the national and other regions) are shipped to Cagayan de Oro City, because of their airport and big sea port. Thus, assistance reaching Iligan City is minimal compared to Cagayan de Oro City.

A. Government

1. National government assistance:

- President of the Philippines NoyNoy Aquino himself visited Iligan and gave P 11 Million for Iligan,

2. Provincial/ Municipal Government assistance:

- Neighboring Cities and provinces came and gave the following assistance: truckloads of sacks of rice, bottled waters, clothings, kitchen utensils, etc)

B. Non-government organizations including churches:

1. Local television/radio stations (GMA, ABS-CBN):

- Truck loads of food, water and clothings

C. Churches assistance, and personal assistance

- Food, water and clothings

V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Despite the assistance received by Iligan City, such assistance is minimal compared to the assistance received by Cagayan de Oro City, because Cagayan de Oro city has the following advantage: They have their TV network, Airport, and open sea port.

Iligan has no airport, TV network, and only has a small sea port. Cagayan de Oro city is the default drop off point for donations.

To validate this report, you can go to the official Iligan City website: www.iligan.gov.ph

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ILIGAN “FLASH FLOOD”

AFTERMATH PHOTOS





