

# PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - HOW YOU CAN HELP

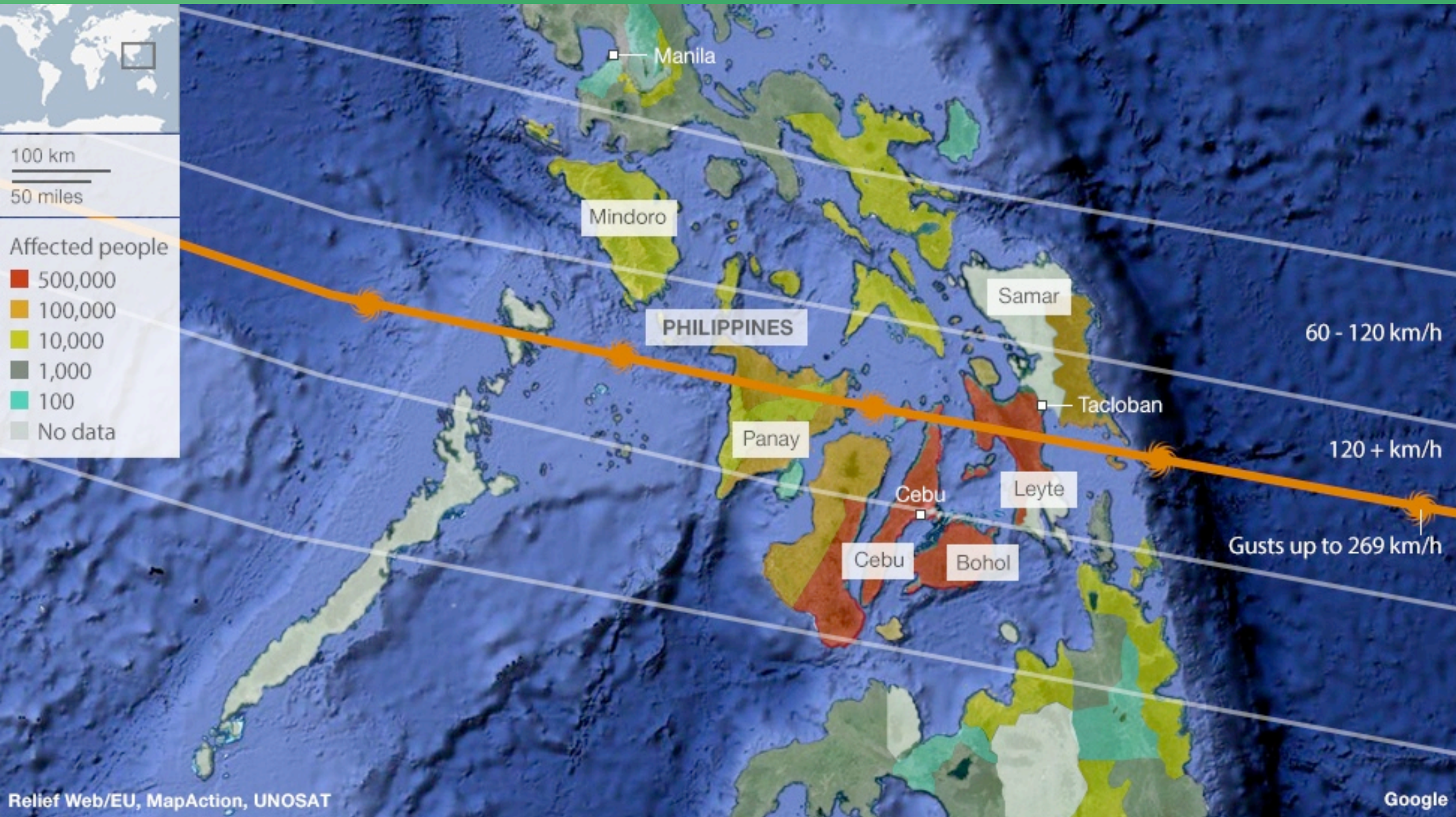


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**Over 13 million people have been affected by one of the worst natural disasters to hit the Philippines in years. This is a large-scale disaster that requires a massive and swift response.**

# OVERVIEW - THE PATH OF THE TYPHOON



# OVERVIEW - THE SCALE OF THE DISASTER



- **Over 13 million people in the Philippines are affected.**
- Over 4.2 million people have been displaced.
- There are 5,000 confirmed deaths, but this number continues to climb.
- Access to some disaster affected areas has improved as roads, seaports and air strips have opened and some telecommunications have been restored.
- **The most immediate needs are food, clean water, shelter and sanitation.**

# OVERVIEW - THE SCALE OF THE DISASTER



- Many areas remain inaccessible, so clearing roads and functionality of ports and airports is critical.
- The focus is on getting to remote areas – those with reduced mobility are most vulnerable.
- The Philippines government has declared a state of emergency and requested international assistance. Oxfam is coordinating with the Philippines government and the United Nations.
- A third of the country's rice growing areas were affected. Missing the next planting season will potentially leave millions of Filipinos without their staple food.



# IN THE FIELD

## **An entire city devastated:**

Golda Hilario from Oxfam's rapid assessment team in Tacloban said the entire city had been devastated. Oxfam's team found no running water and no electricity and people taking desperate measures, like puncturing municipal pipes, to get water.

## **Shortages of food:**

A mother with 2 small children, who works selling fish with her husband, told Oxfam, "*Many storms have passed here. But we did not expect a storm that brought a 'tsunami' with it.*" She had received a food pack she expected to use within two days.

## **Shortages of fresh drinking water:**

In northern Cebu, children as young as five are fetching water for their families, carrying one gallon (nearly four litres) at a time.

Oxfam's Tata Abella-Bolo, part of the agency's assessment team in the area said the collected water was mixed with salt water, but people were still drinking it.

# OXFAM'S RESPONSE



- Oxfam was one of the first organizations to respond, having been present in the Philippines for over 25 years. Oxfam's work there is focussed on support to small farmers, increasing opportunities for women, and preparing for and responding to humanitarian emergencies.
- Priorities include reaching the most vulnerable with safe water and sanitation facilities to reduce public health risks, and food security.

# OXFAM'S RESPONSE



- Despite logistical challenges, Oxfam has distributed emergency water supplies to thousands in Tacloban
- Oxfam teams in the affected areas (Northern Cebu, Leyte and Samar) are providing household level water purification
- Immediate food needs will be addressed through food distribution or cash transfers depending on the availability of food and accessibility of markets
- Immediate income needs will be met through cash for work (clearing debris, aid access to remote locations, etc.)
- Restoring livelihoods where quickly feasible (e.g. Purchase and distribution of fishing nets)
- Oxfam is distributing emergency kits and supplies in the Cebu, Leyte and Eastern Samar regions.



# HOW YOU CAN HELP



**\$45** COULD PROVIDE 10 OXFAM BUCKETS DESIGNED TO MAKE WATER SAFE

**\$85** COULD PROVIDE 100 EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS

**\$200** COULD PROVIDE SHELTER FOR A FAMILY MADE HOMELESS

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

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For every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the impact of Typhoon Haiyan on the Philippines and other affected countries, the federal government will set aside one dollar for the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund. 11/28

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