

**UNDSS Daily Situation Report Luzon and Visayas
Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda)
20 November 2013**

Highlights

No major security incidents were reported in the past 24 hours.

1. **Crime:** The observed decline in crime rate within the typhoon hit areas of Eastern Visayas still remains. Despite the observed decline, crime remains a security concern in the typhoon-affected areas. Sporadic incidents of looting, robberies and petty crime are likely to occur or continue in areas, which still remain inaccessible to relief aid. While humanitarian workers and UN personnel have so far not been targeted in such attacks, the possibility of being targeted or incidental violence should not be ruled out.
2. **Civil Unrest.** In the North Panay Island where the Government has been delivering food and other supplies to the people, it is reported that the Government is fast running out of relief supplies. It is assessed that a delay or stoppage of aid may lead to frustration and rising anger amongst the locals. Likelihood of people expressing their anger against humanitarian missions cannot be ruled out.
3. **New People's Army (NPA):** The ceasefire called by the left-wing insurgency group, the New People's Army (NPA) in the typhoon-affected areas, continues to be in place from 14-24 November 2013. Although the likelihood of any major armed encounters or attacks involving the NPA and government security personnel remains low during the ceasefire, sporadic small scale attacks and abductions of security personnel could occur during this period. Although the NPA has not targeted humanitarian workers or the UN in the past, the risk of incidental violence during armed encounters between the NPA and the Government forces remains.
4. **Election violence:** With the upcoming 25 November special Barangay (village) elections in Bohol, the threat of elections related violence perpetrated by politicians and electorates remains. According to local officials, at least 48 areas in Bohol are prone to election violence. Although election-related violence does not pose any direct threat to UN personnel or missions, sporadic IED attacks do pose risks of incidental violence. All UN personnel are advised to remain vigilant and avoid all political rallies, government buildings, travel in government vehicles and large gatherings in the days preceding the elections.
5. **Notices-** The following information is provided for staff deploying in the Luzon and Visayas area.
 - a. A practical approach to minimum standards has been adopted with limited risk having been accepted in the early stages of the response to ensure that stakeholders have been able to keep pace with an expanding footprint. Key

documents were streamlined to facilitate interventions immediately prior to this emergency and were approved in draft form to allow their use. Notwithstanding, there has been an emphasis in substantive mitigation inclusive of awareness, communications and tracking.

- b. The OCHA Staff Counsellor, Mr Jorge Sierralta, PhD Clinical Psychologist, based in Geneva is currently on mission to the Philippines for two weeks. Mr Sierralta is here to provide psycho-social support to humanitarian staff in Manila and the affected areas and technical advice to managers on issue related to well-being. Mr. Sierralta can be contacted on email: sierralta@un.org or mobile no: 0927-236-7333. He is currently located in the UNDSS Manila office.
- c. Security Briefings/Information Dissemination: The Security Information Analysts (SIAs) in Manila conduct security briefings for all incoming UN staff members, implementing partners as well as I/NGOs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1600 hrs at the United Nations office, Inter-Agency conference room, 31 Floor, Yuchengco Tower 1, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati, Manila. Those who cannot attend these briefings due to varying travel plans can receive the same from the FSCOs in Tacloban City and Roxas. Also, those who would like to receive security briefings in Manila, outside of the given timings, are requested to put down their details (name, agency/organization, requested time and date to the SIAs. UNDSS is in the process of regular information sharing with all UN, Implementing Partners and I/NGOs including the daily reports, media reports, security briefings etc.
- d. All missions are to be coordinated through OCHA on behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator.
- e. UNDSS FCSO Eastern Visayas will be traveling by road from Tacloban to Guinan today, 20 November 2013, to conduct an assessment.
- f. A joint DSS-WFP Recce from Tacloban to Ormoc has been completed. UNDSS local government liaison has been finalized in Roxas. A joint WHO/DSS recce of BARONGA is underway this week. Liaison with host government for FOM and facilitating humanitarian priority was undertaken on 17 November 2013.
- g. Reports are emerging of people deploying without being self-sufficient in food, water, communication etc. Two staff members are likely to leave the operational area due to health - heat exhaustion, and burn out. Given the logistics' constraints, staff deploying to Tacloban city are to be entirely self-sufficient at this time in terms of water, food, medicines and other essential items for the expected duration of their missions.
- h. MOSS/MORSS: The UN is not MOSS/MORSS compliant in Tacloban City and cannot be for the foreseeable future. To enable critical UN humanitarian aid delivery UNDSS has adopted a very flexible and pragmatic approach to the operation.
- i. Safety and Welfare issues: Generators have limited power in Tacloban City – turn things off if not being used.
- j. Wifi has capacity in Tacloban City.
- k. The government curfew in Tacloban city is currently enforced from 1700-0500 hrs (5pm-5am) at the airport and 2000-0500hrs (8pm-5am) in Tacloban City. Staff

are advised to return to their accommodation by nightfall unless engaged in essential meetings.

- l. Staff are advised to use a ‘buddy system’ when moving around in Tacloban city and avoid single movement.
- m. Vehicular Movements in Tacloban City: Road conditions have many hazards, including debris, obstacles, vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Communications (mobile and satellite telephone are required in each vehicle). Food and water in each vehicle should be sufficient for all occupants for 24 hours.
- n. Drivers shall obey speed and all other local traffic laws – everyone shall wear a seat belt.
- o. Walking in Tacloban City: Street conditions have many hazards including debris, vehicular traffic and pedestrians. Staff should ensure to have communications (telephones) and carry water and food at all times.
- p. Air Movement in Tacloban City: Military aircraft, civilian and UN chartered helicopters are operating.
- q. Personal hygiene and wellbeing: Food, water, sanitizer, mobile and satellite telephone, VHF radio, flashlight/batteries, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medication is advised to last the duration of your mission.
- r. Advised to eat, drink, rest and wash at every opportunity.
- s. Advised to call, text or email home when one gets the opportunity to.
- t. Medical- The Australian government has established a medical facility outside of the Tacloban City airport, which includes a field hospital with intensive care unit and operating theatre. They are willing to receive and treat UN/INGO patients who are suffering from anything ranging from a sore throat to an amputated limb. The 24/7 telephone number to call for medical assistance is 09166739342
- u. Medevac: The same medical facility will arrange any necessary medical evacuations from this operational area. The 24/7 telephone number to call is 09166739342. Please also advise UNDSS.
- v. Concentration Point for the UN: Tacloban Airport – WFP Rub-hall and UNDAC Reception tent area adjacent to the Australian field hospital.
- w. Humanitarian Hubs have/are also being established in Ormoc, Guiuan, Roxas and Cebu.
- x. In Roxas, Single staff movement is restricted to city limits. Missions going outside Roxas are to have at least two staff. All missions to return to base by 1700 hrs.
- y. In Roxas, the UNDSS FSCO oversaw and supported the visit of the OCHA USG.
- z. In Roxas, 12 noon yesterday, 19 November, electricity was restored in the Provincial Offices and some neighboring parts. This is likely to activate much needed administrative services and small businesses that do not have the luxury of private generators.
- aa. The situation in the North Panay Island continues to remain peaceful.

6. **UNDSS Operations-** The following information is about UNDSS staff deployment in Luzon and Visayas.

- a. Mr John Schot, UNDSS Field Security Coordination Officer (FSCO) Eastern Visayas is based in Talcloban city. Mr Devendra Patel, UNDSS FSCO Western Visayas and South West Luzon is based in Roxas.
- b. Mr Brendan Okoye, the Security Information Analyst (SIA) on surge has joined the Information and analysis team in Manila.
- c. Third and final FSCO on surge will be arriving tomorrow (21 November) to Manila, to be deployed in Tacloban on Friday to assist with support to Ormoc and Guinan satellites and will then move from there to the third humanitarian hub when confirmed by the HC.

7. **UNDSS Contacts**- Below are the contact details for UNDSS staff deployed in Luzon and Visayas

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