



CLUSTER SNAPSHOT

\$ 178 Million needed **22%** funded

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As of 06 January 2014

OVERVIEW

According to the latest government data, Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) damaged close to 580,000 houses and destroyed an additional 550,000 homes when it swept through the central Philippines on 8 November 2013.

In response to the disaster, the government has asked humanitarian organizations to address the shelter needs of 500,000 households. The remaining families will be assisted directly by the government.

The Shelter Cluster in the Philippines is led by the government and co-led by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Shelter remains one of the key priorities for the survivors and shelter self-recovery is taking place at an impressive rate. However, many houses are being “built back worse” and will not be able to withstand future storms.

According to an assessment commissioned by the Shelter Cluster, 79 per cent of survivors have started to rebuild or repair their homes, but half of those cannot complete construction without assistance and nearly two thirds are using salvaged construction materials that are often of insufficient quality.

The assessment also shows that, irrespective of their vulnerability, families living inland are less likely to have received shelter assistance, compared to families living in coastal areas.

Survivors urgently need tools and good quality construction materials, particularly roofing materials, such as corrugated iron sheeting and hurricane straps. They also require hands-on training and assistance to facilitate a progressive “build back safer” approach which will increase resilience during future storm seasons.

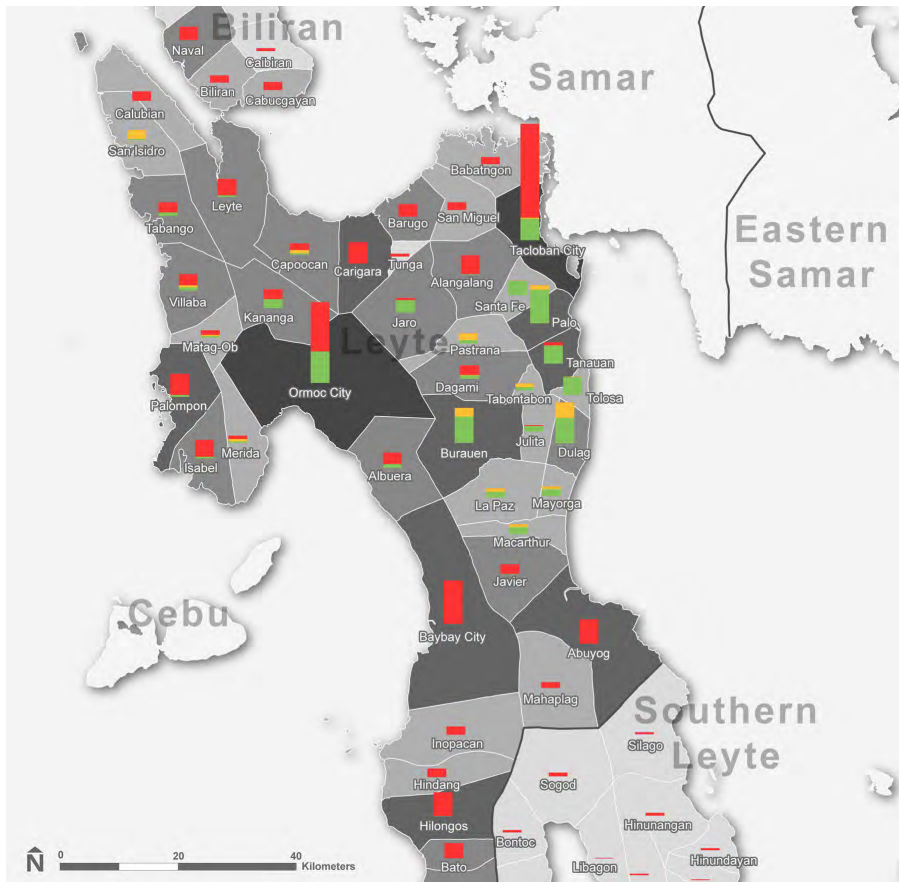
Despite the strategic focus on more durable shelter solutions, emergency shelter materials are still needed in some areas.

CLUSTER RESPONSE

To date shelter assistance has been primarily provided in the form of emergency shelter support, such as tarpaulins and tents. However, priorities have been steadily shifting towards support for self-recovery, i.e. tools, cash, building and roofing materials that enable families to repair their own homes and the know-how with which to do so.

In total, Shelter Cluster partners have distributed emergency shelter materials for 1.7 million people (330,000 households) and have provided support for self-recovery to 175,000 people (35,000 households).

Together with other clusters, the Shelter Cluster has been active in advising on a range of shelter-related issues such as salvaging coco-lumber, recycling debris, housing, land and property rights as well as how people with special needs can be adequately assisted in shelter projects. The Shelter Cluster has also produced technical drawings in five languages, which help households build safer shelters.



Emergency Shelter in Region VIII (Leyte)

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Who What Where (3W) information on shelter activities represents agency information reported to the Shelter Cluster by December 29, 2013. If your agency's information is missing or out of date, please download a 3W reporting form at www.sheltercluster.org/Asia/Philippines and submit it to reporting.phil@sheltercluster.org.

Data Sources
 DSWD (DROMIC damage data)
 GADM (admin)
 Shelter Cluster Partners

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Needs vs. Activities

- 10,000 HH
- Planned
- Gap (DSWD)
- Reached

Shelter Needs

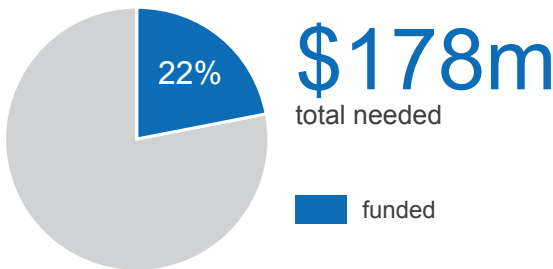
Damaged & Destroyed Houses (DSWD)

- 1 - 2,000
- 2,001 - 5,000
- 5,001 - 10,000
- 10,001 - 16,276
- 25,001 - 58,823
- No data / out of area

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Funding by sector (in million US\$)



CHALLENGES

The shelter sector is seriously and disproportionately underfunded: Shelter projects in the Strategic Response Plan are only 22 per cent funded (US\$40 million out of 178 million) while average funding for the SRP is at 42 per cent. This is at odds with the scale of shelter needs currently unmet.

The lack of good quality roofing materials as well as tools and fixings continues to delay support for self-recovery.

The shelter sector needs to improve targeting according to vulnerability, particularly for female-headed households and other vulnerable groups whose needs have not yet been met.

Background on the crisis

Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda) swept through the central Philippines on 8 November, killing over 6,000 people and displacing some 4 million people, flattening homes and damaging schools, health centres and other infrastructure. Some experts estimate the storm was among the strongest ever to make landfall. On 9 November, the Government accepted the UN offer of international assistance. The Government also welcomed the deployment, in the initial phase of disaster response, of a large number of countries' military assets. The humanitarian community's one-year Strategic Response Plan calling for \$788 million has been released and is closely aligned to the Government's Yolanda Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan launched on 18 December.

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