

## BACKGROUND

- Following Tropical Storm Washi (locally known as “Sendong”) and accompanying floods, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has reported that 1,010 people have been killed, with a further 51 people reported missing and 1,603 injured, as of 22 December 2011.
- 43,663 people have taken taking shelter in 51 evacuation centers, and a further 266,006 people are residing with relatives or in makeshift structures.
- The identified priority needs are water, sanitation and hygiene, temporary shelter, food and essential household items.
- The Emergency Revision of the Philippines (Mindanao) Humanitarian Action Plan for 2012 was launched on 22 December 2011 in Manila. Total requirement: US\$28,576,819 for three months.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please make cash contributions rather than in-kind donations. With a cash donation to an organization that is included in the appeal you will support our efforts to provide the most effective response, helping more people who need it most. Coordinating our response is critical.

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### I. Cash Contributions

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To donate cash through the United Nations, please consider the following options:

#### 1. Support the Emergency Revision of the Philippines (Mindanao) Humanitarian Action Plan 2012

The humanitarian appeal for this emergency is posted on OCHA’s website: [www.unocha.org/cap](http://www.unocha.org/cap)

#### 2. Give to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos has allocated \$3 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to provide urgent, life-saving assistance to people in Northern Mindanao.

CERF is an emergency fund which helps UN organizations (and their partners) to provide immediate relief. Your contribution will ensure that CERF can continue to provide that immediate relief. OCHA can receive tax-deductible donations a 501 (c) for CERF from US and UK taxpayers. For more information, visit [cerf.un.org](http://cerf.un.org). Help us help in time!

- **United Nations Member States** should contact the CERF secretariat at [cerf@un.org](mailto:cerf@un.org) or fax: +1 212 963 1312 to make a pledge or contribution.
- **Private organizations or individuals** can donate online: [rapiddisasterrelief.org](http://rapiddisasterrelief.org) or via SMS (USA only) by texting CERF to 90999 to give US\$5 to the CERF. The donation will appear on your cell phone bill. To make a contribution by check or wire transfer, please visit <http://cerf.un.org> and click on “[donate](#)” for more information.

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### II. In-kind Donations

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The United Nations urges donors to make cash rather than in-kind donations. However, if you can only offer in-kind contributions, please consult the “OCHA Guide to Humanitarian Giving” at <http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/Guide%20to%20Humanitarian%20Giving%20-%20August%202011.pdf> for information on documentation required, on what not to donate and other useful indications.

To verify that the intended donation corresponds with identified prioritized needs, is appropriate for the beneficiaries, and to get information on practical modalities for delivery, donors should contact the Government Focal Point for in-kind contributions, Ms. Vilma Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development, [vbcahrera@dswd.gov.ph](mailto:vbcahrera@dswd.gov.ph)

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### III. Reporting on your donations

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The Financial Tracking Service (FTS) is a global database, managed by OCHA, that records all humanitarian contributions (cash and in-kind) to emergencies is available online at [fts.unocha.org](https://fts.unocha.org)

To help ensure comprehensive coverage on FTS and give visibility to all international humanitarian efforts, please report your contributions to [fts.unocha.org](https://fts.unocha.org) with at least the following information:

- Donor name (country/organization)
- Name of recipient organization (or mark "bilateral aid" for all assistance directed to the Government of the affected country)
- Contribution description
- Amount in US\$ or original currency

For in-kind support, please provide a brief description of the goods or services, and an estimated value in US\$ or original currency where possible.