



TYPHOON HAIYAN

Mercy Corps is ramping up
to meet urgent needs

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Mercy Corps is a leading global humanitarian agency saving and improving lives in the world's toughest places. Poverty. Conflict. Disaster. In more than 40 countries, we partner with local people to put bold ideas into action, helping them overcome adversity and build stronger communities. Now, and for the future.

EXPERTISE IN GLOBAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Mercy Corps has decades of experience responding to major disasters all over the world. In recent years, we have helped survivors after the Haiti earthquake, the Horn of Africa drought and the Japan tsunami.



What's distinct about the way we respond to a disaster? While we are working to **meet immediate humanitarian needs**, we also look for ways to **start the recovery and reconstruction process**. Coming out of the immediate crisis, our goal is to help people return to their homes, get businesses running again and help kids return to school as quickly as possible.



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ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL STORMS STRIKES PHILIPPINES

Super Typhoon Haiyan (known as Yolanda locally) struck the Philippines on November 8. An estimated 11.3 million people have been affected by the storm.

DAMAGE REPORT

What's happening in the worst-affected areas?

- There is no **food** or **clean drinking water**.
- **Communications** and **electrical power** have been cut.
- **Roads** are washed out or blocked with debris. It is difficult to reach remote areas.
- **Hospitals and clinics** are too damaged to open.
- **Medical supplies** are quickly being exhausted.
- **Airports** and **seaports** are destroyed or unusable.

HAIYAN AT A GLANCE

The World Health Organization classified the devastation as a Category 3 disaster, the highest level.

According to the UN, the most urgent needs are:



clean water



sanitation



temporary shelter



food



**HIGH
WINDS**
of 195 MPH

11.3 MILLION
people affected



650,000
people displaced

OUR TEAM

Mercy Corps has launched immediate relief efforts. We have mobilized a seasoned team of emergency responders, including experts in water, sanitation and logistics, into the areas devastated by Super Typhoon Haiyan.

We will be working with partners on the ground to meet immediate humanitarian needs and we expect to expand our team dramatically in the days ahead.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help by donating to our Philippines Typhoon Response. Your gift will help survivors meet their basic needs and begin rebuilding after this disaster.

To learn more about our work or to make a donation, please visit mercycorps.org/give

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