

Typhoon Haiyan Disaster – Appeal for Help

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As you know, the super typhoon Haiyan has devastated parts of Philippines when it hit the island last Friday. I called on Friday, hearing about the severity of the storm, and talked to Noel briefly. He said “I am stuck in Manila, no flights going there to Iloilo.. as far as I know Iloilo city has not been impacted too much like other areas..” I wished him luck and asked him to send me a note when he gets to Iloilo city.

Yesterday Matt Perry got a reply from mayor Jed saying Iloilo city was spared from serious disaster. Also, I saw the attached article yesterday, where Mayor Jed said “Thank God for sparing Iloilo from typhoon’s wrath”.

Our prayers are with the people of Estancia, not too far from the Iloilo city, where quite a few lives have been lost, many fishing boats were blown and dropped. It’s unimaginable. I will be writing to Mayor Jed and Noel later asking what we can do to help.

Please extend some help, if you can, and donate \$50/100 or more for the typhoon victims through the Rivers of the world website, using the Donate button. Just mention ‘Philippines typhoon disaster help’. I will arrange to send the collective donation directly to Noel Hechanova, Director, ENRO, Iloilo City for reaching the needed supplies to Estancia, which is a part of the western Visayas (see attached Map). You will get a confirmation receipt for your charitable donation.

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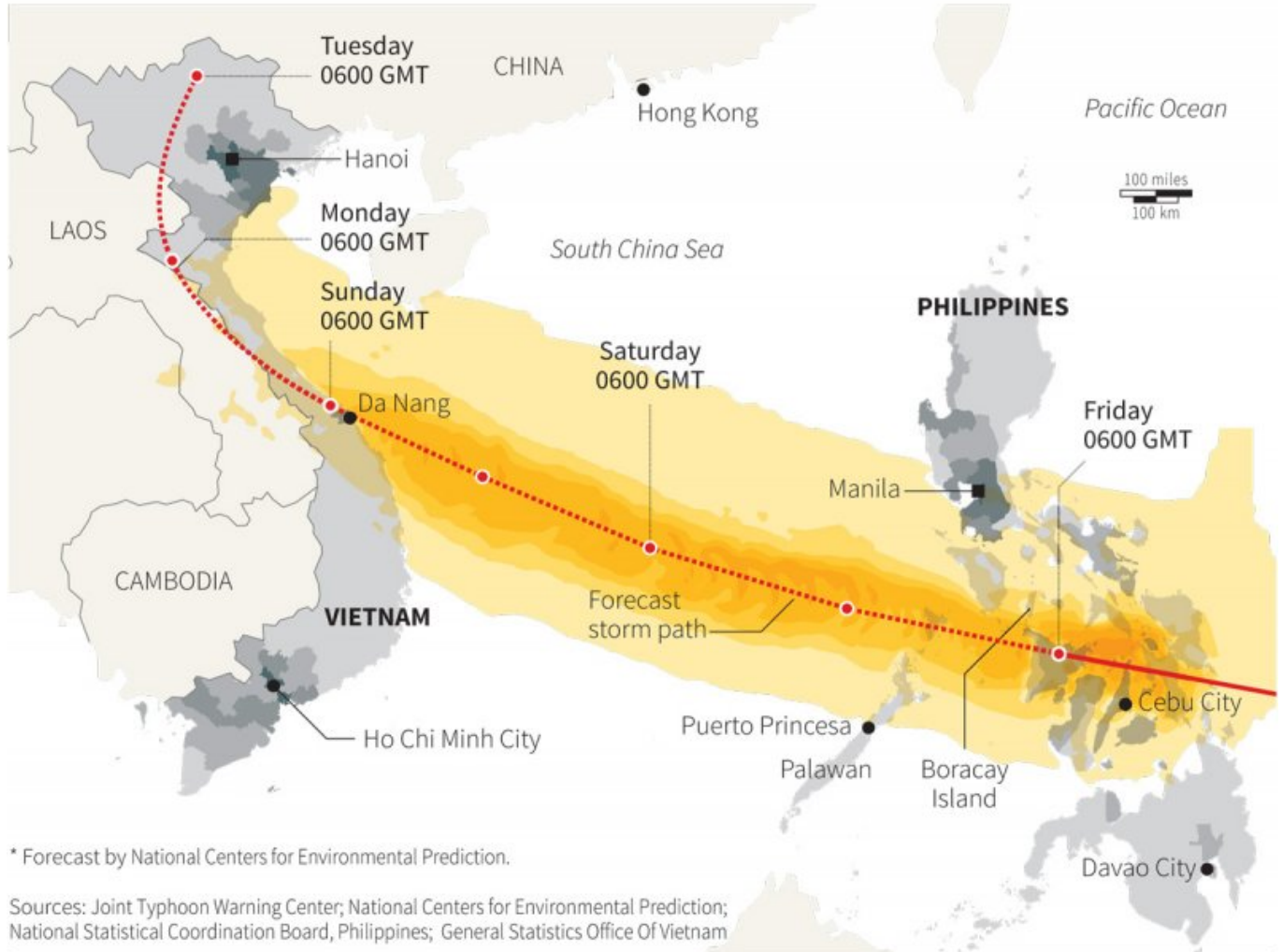
Forecast impact of super typhoon Haiyan

The Philippines weather bureau said Haiyan was expected to move past the Philippines on Saturday and out over the South China Sea, where it could strengthen even further and hit Vietnam. Evacuations have already begun, according to Vietnamese media.

Population density, persons per sq. km



Maximum wind, knots*

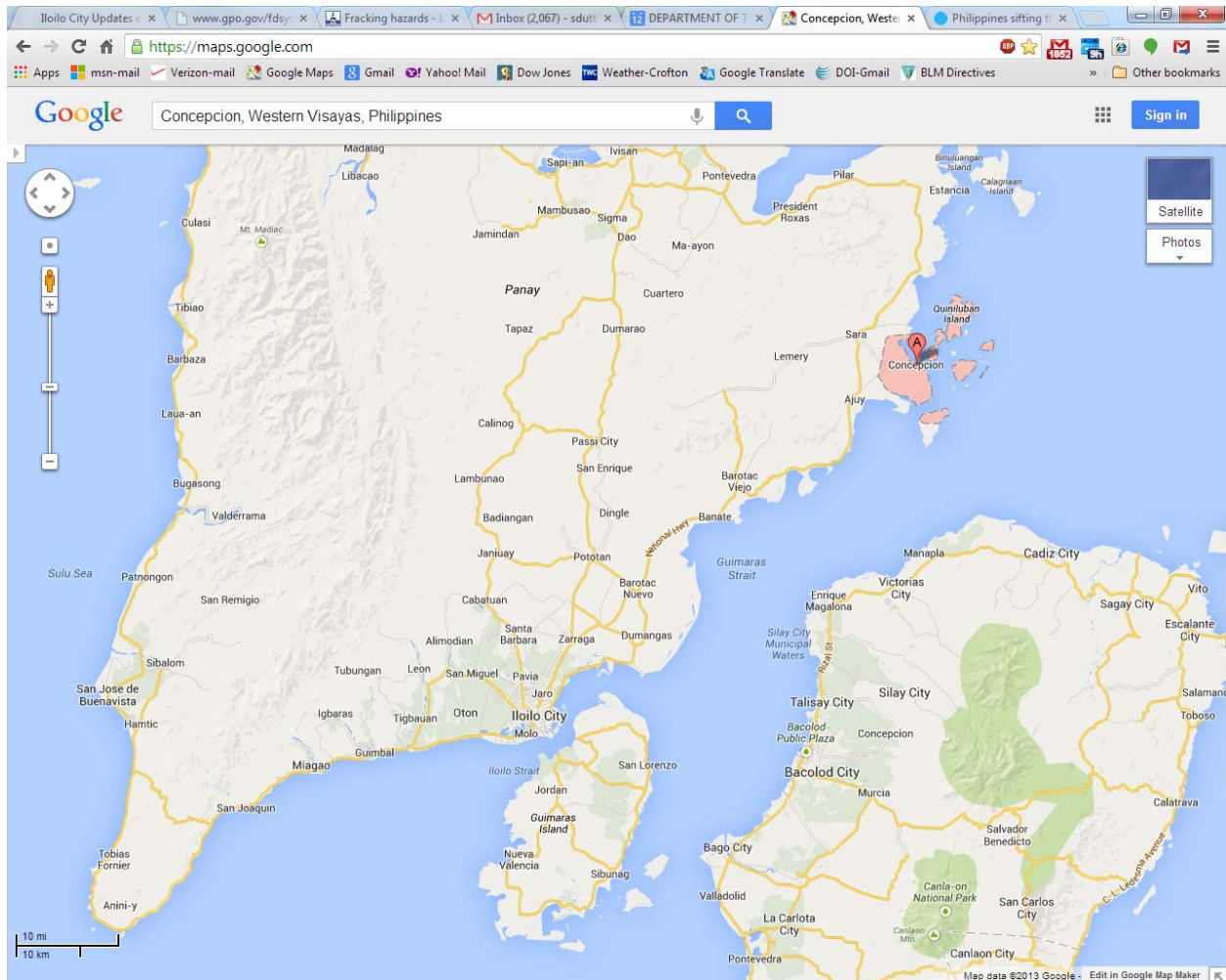


* Forecast by National Centers for Environmental Prediction.

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Iloilo City Updates on Super Typhoon Yolanda

by TANIA on NOVEMBER 10, 2013

The most affected area in Iloilo City was the town of Concepcion, to where Yolanda made a fifth landfall packing winds at 215 kilometers per hour (kph) near the center, with gustiness of up to 250 kph after passing through Guiuan, Eastern Samar; Tolosa, Leyte; and Daanbantayan, Cebu.

PDRRMC added, a total of 1,526 have been evacuated in the 5th District 1,200 in Carles, 272 in Concepcion and 54 in Lemery.

Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas said, ninety percent of the 270 houses in Brgy. Malangabang, Concepcion were destroyed.

According to Vice Gov. Raul Tupas, two bridges in the town were also impassable the Suage and the Manapa bridges.

In Miag-ao, the number of families affected by the super typhoon reached 600; Mina, 419 families; Alimodian, 292; Zarraga, 239; Dueñas, 143; Passi City, 198; and Guimbal, 110.

In Janiuary, a landslide destroyed two classroom buildings in Brgy. Aglubong and 105 houses.

Janiuary's Municipal DRRMC has not reported any casualty as of press time yesterday, but the town was placed under a state of calamity.

Meanwhile, the Iloilo City government ordered the forced evacuation of residents in coastal barangays under imminent danger.

But the City Social Welfare and Development Office was yet to come up with the number of evacuees in various evacuation centers in the metro.

"Yolanda's" strong winds either destroyed or rendered roofless several houses in the city, particularly in coastal villages, and toppled down trees and electric posts of the Panay Electric Co.

Thank God for sparing Iloilo from typhoon's wrath'

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ILOILO City – “We must thank God that Iloilo City was spared from the horrible effect of ‘Yolanda,’” Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog told the people of this city.

He invited everyone to join a religious procession at 3 p.m. on Friday from Plaza Libertad to Fort San Pedro.

“Right after, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 4 p.m.,” said Mabilog.

The city government, he added, will provide financial assistance to families whose houses were damaged by super typhoon “Yolanda.”

Mabilog said he will request the City Council to pass a supplemental budget intended to help typhoon-affected families, most of them from coastal barangays battered by strong winds.

A cash aid of P5,000 each will be given to families with totally damaged houses and P2,500 each for the partially damaged residences.

There were 57 houses totally destroyed and 313 partially damaged.

There were 97 barangays affected, 5,741 families, 28,705 individuals who went to 153 evacuation centers, according to report of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRMC).

The mayor gave a very good rating to CDRRMC for its preparation and performance during the crisis.

The City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) was monitoring the situation of evacuees and distributed several sacks of rice, packs of noodles and cartons of can goods in various evacuation centers.

The City Engineer's Office personnel were also very active in responding to calls to cut falling trees blocking the streets.

CDRRMC convened to make the city prepared early for the expected devastation of super typhoon Yolanda as well as closely monitored the impacts during disaster. (RPSombero, Iloilo City PIO/PN)