



Dear Friends,

Typhoon Haiyan, named "Yolanda" by Filipino authorities, struck the coastal provinces of Leyte and Samar in the Philippines on Friday, November 8, 2013. The typhoon was 3.5 times more forceful than Hurricane Katrina. With estimated winds measured at 315 km/h (195 mph), Haiyan would be the fourth most intense tropical cyclone ever observed, and the strongest tropical cyclone to make a landfall on record. The two worst affected provinces, Leyte and Samar, suffered massive destruction and loss of life. At least 10,000 people are feared to have been killed, and more than eleven million people have been affected in the Philippines.

In the immediate days following such disasters, large international relief organizations are often able mobilize the fastest response. For those of you who are moved to help, below are links to some resources we find credible and potentially useful:

- [UNICEF](#) is taking donations to help provide children with shelter, clean water, nutrition and vaccines. Representatives said its staff in the Philippines is being repositioned to help in relief efforts and 66 tons of emergency supplies are being sent from Copenhagen. An airlift set to arrive on Tuesday will include water purification systems, storage equipment and sanitation supplies.
- [Save the Children](#) is also mounting disaster relief efforts to help children and families in the region with emergency assistance.
- [Catholic Relief Services](#) is accepting donations on its website as it begins moving supplies and staff to respond to the typhoon.
- [Oxfam America](#) aid teams are on the ground in northern Cebu, northern and eastern Samar and Leyte, in the Eastern Visayas region in the Philippines. They're working to provide immediate access to water and sanitation materials. You can support this effort by donating online to their [Typhoon Haiyan Relief and Recovery Fund](#), or by phone at 1-800-776-9326.
- [Doctors Without Borders](#)
- [All Hands Volunteers, Inc.](#), founded by Boston Foundation fund advisor and New England International Donor (NEID) member David Campbell.

For more information on the Philippines disaster and its aftermath:

<http://disasterphilanthropy.org/disasters/2013-philippines-earthquake-and-typhoon/>
<http://give2asia.org/yolandaReliefWeb>

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