



# PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN

"The scene is one of utter devastation. There is no electricity in the entire area and no water. Local emergency food stocks have been distributed but supplies are dwindling. The immediate need is water, both for drinking and for cleaning." *Tata Abella-Bolo, Oxfam emergency team member in Cebu.*

## THE DISASTER

Super typhoon Haiyan is the most powerful typhoon ever to make landfall. Haiyan is threatening to overwhelm the country's state and non-state humanitarian organizations, already stretched from responding to the previous disasters.

More than 11.4 million people have been affected. There are 4,000 confirmed deaths, but the number continues to climb. Tens of thousands of families have lost their homes and are suffering due to shortages of food, clean water, shelter and medicine.\*

These disasters compound the burden on Philippines' poorest people. Small-scale farmers and those relying on fishing to make a living will be hit very hard. Their fields and their boats will be badly damaged and they will need help not only today, but in months to come.

## THE RESPONSE

Oxfam is working to provide 500,000 people with clean water, sanitation, safe hygiene practices and cash to compensate for loss of income and for access to food and basic essentials. Emergency supplies, including hygiene kits and tarps, are available but the needs far outstrip the available supply.

Oxfam is well positioned to respond quickly to the devastation because teams were already responding to an earthquake that had rocked the Philippines earlier in October.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Canadian public can make donations online to Oxfam Canada ([www.oxfam.ca](http://www.oxfam.ca)) or the Humanitarian Coalition ([www.together.ca](http://www.together.ca)). Donations can also be made by phone at 1-800-466-9326 (1-800-GO OXFAM) or 1-800-464-9154 (Humanitarian Coalition). Oxfam will be the recipient of a portion of Humanitarian Coalition funds.

**\$45 could provide 10 Oxfam buckets designed to keep water safe**

**\$85 could provide 100 emergency health kits**

**\$200 could provide shelter for a family made homeless**

*Until December 9, 2013, for every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the impact of Typhoon Haiyan on the Philippines and other affected countries, the federal government will set aside one dollar for the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund.*

\* Numbers in relation to Typhoon Haiyan are constantly changing. For the most up-to-date information, go to [www.oxfam.ca](http://www.oxfam.ca).



Oxfam is a member of the Humanitarian Coalition, a joint appeal mechanism that brings together Canada's leading aid agencies to finance relief efforts in times of international humanitarian crisis.