



19 December 2011

Dear *Kababayan*,

The Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco joins the entire nation in expressing sympathy and condolences to the families who were affected by Tropical Storm *Sendong* (international name: *Washi*).

In this regard, for those who wish to know whether relatives and friends were affected by Typhoon *Sendong*, the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) has established an operations center, where queries may be directed. The contact details of the center are (+632) 911-1406; (+632) 911-1406; 912-2665, 912-5668, and email address [dopcen@ndcc.gov.ph](mailto:dopcen@ndcc.gov.ph).

According to the latest situation report provided by the NDRRMC, the death toll from the flash floods has reached more than 900. In addition, over 1500 have been injured, 49 missing and 432 rescued. Over 167,000 persons in close to 200 villages were affected. Most of the dead were from the port cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan, located about 800 kilometers (500 miles) from the capital of Manila.

The country's Armed Forces has dispatched personnel and equipment to the affected areas. The government is also taking steps to prevent outbreaks of cholera, dysentery, dengue and respiratory problems particularly in congested evacuation centers.

President Benigno Aquino is set to visit the stricken zone on Tuesday, 20 December 2011 after ordering a review of the country's disaster defenses. He will personally oversee the ongoing relief efforts by the government and inspect the damages wrought by the disaster.

The impact of tropical storm *Sendong* is being likened to *Ondoy* (international name: *Ketsana*), which dumped huge amounts of rain on Manila and other parts of the country in 2009, killing more than 460 people.

The Philippine Consulate General enjoins all *Kababayans* to assist the victims of *Sendong*. Interested parties may wish to send donations for the victims of the calamity to the bank account of the NDRRMC or the Department of Social Welfare and Development as follows:

National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council  
Bank name – Development Bank of the Philippines  
Account name – NDRRMC Donated Funds  
Account number – 0435-021927-130  
Swift code – DBPHPMM (account no. 36002016)  
Focal person – Ms. Rufina Pascual (Collecting Officer, Office of Civil Defense)  
Tel. no. – (+632) 421-1920 (+632) 421-1920

Department of Social Welfare and Development  
Bank name – Land Bank of the Philippines (Batasan, Quezon City branch)  
Account number – 3124-0055-81  
Focal person – Ms. Fe Catalina Ea (Cash Division)  
Tel. no. – (+632) 931-8101 (+632) 931-8101 loc. 226, cel. no. (+63918) 628-1897 (+63918) 628-1897

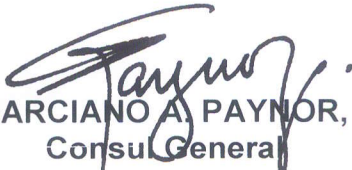
Philippine National Red Cross  
Account name: Philippine Red Cross  
Account Number: 00-453-0018647  
Bank: Banco de Oro (swift code: BNORPHMM)

The Commission of Filipinos Overseas (CFO) website – [www.cfo-linkapil.org](http://www.cfo-linkapil.org) also provides information on donations.

Additional information concerning the typhoon may be found at the website of the NDRRMC, [www.ndrrmc.gov.ph](http://www.ndrrmc.gov.ph).

*Maraming salamat po!*

Very truly yours,

  
MARCIANO A. PAYNOR, JR.  
Consul General