WFP News Video

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Philippines Operations

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Tacloban, Philippines
Shot: 22-25, Nov 2013
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:00-:22
Tacloban, Philippines
Evacuees in Tacloban. Kids playing at one of the makeshift houses at an evacuation centre. Kids sharing a packet of USAID Ready to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF).
Evacuees at Tacloban Astrodome lining up for a food distribution. WFP field monitors organizing evacuees and explain distribution process.
Shot: 23 Nov 2013

:22-:46
Mactan, Cebu Port, Philippines – Tacloban City Port
Arrival of the “Super RORO” Roll On Roll Off ship commissioned by WFP to transport WFP relief goods as well as relief goods from other agencies such as World Vision, UNICEF, and UNHCR.
Interior of the Super RORO. UNICEF goods. Trucks, forklifts
Shot: 23-25 Nov 2013

:46-01:04
SOT Samir Wanali WFP Emergency Coordinator
Manila (English)
“Three weeks after typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, people still urgently need food, our assistance is getting through to the most remote areas and we are expanding into new ones as need arise. All of this is possible thanks to everyone giving to support our operation here in the Philippines.”
Shot 28 Nov 2013

01:04-01:25
Tacloban, Philippines
Evacuation centre. Eight families live in this small space at the Tacloban Astrodome Evacuation centre. One of the mothers Prepares rice for breakfast. Two-year old Kristal Jean Bituin eats WFP high energy biscuits dipped in milk.
Shot: 23Nov2013

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Background
As assessments of the devastation wreaked by Super-Typhoon Haiyan highlight the immediate need to provide food assistance to all affected communities, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is extending its reach with airlifts, ferry services and trucks.

Rice and High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) are being delivered by airlifts to remote island communities off the coast of Guiuan and Iloilo. Some of these hard-to-reach locations are receiving food assistance for the first time.

Since 13 November, WFP has dispatched more than 4,700 metric tons of rice and 142 metric tons of high energy biscuits for distribution by partners.

A WFP-chartered “Roll-on Roll-off” vessel with a 2,400 metric ton cargo capacity arrived in Tacloban Monday carrying relief goods such as family tents, blankets, water kits, jerry cans on behalf of the whole humanitarian community, as well as logistics equipment. The vessel will continue to shuttle goods from Cebu to Tacloban.

More than 1,000 metric tons of relief and support supplies (tents, kits for newborn babies, hygiene kits, mobile storage units, IT equipment) have been flown in to the Philippines from the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depots, managed by WFP, in Dubai (UAE), Subang (Malaysia) and Brindisi (Italy).

The WFP-managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is operating two helicopters and a nine-passenger plane out of Cebu, serving the humanitarian community. So far, UNHAS has carried 292 humanitarian passengers on 70 flights to nine locations.

WFP is working closely with the Philippines government on relief efforts. The Department of Social Welfare and Development has distributed more than 1.3 million family food packs containing WFP rice.
WFP trucks are delivering bulk rice rations to badly-affected coastal communities in East Samar and Guiuan.
WFP estimates the cost of the operation for the next six months at around US$103 million. Out of this US$88 million is for food, US$12 million is to provide logistics and emergency telecommunications for the humanitarian community as a whole and US$2 million is to support food security and agriculture.

WFP is financed entirely by voluntary contributions and as we move into the third week of the Philippines response, donors – including private individuals – have shown generosity. WFP has received around half of the total US$103 million required for food and logistics. With assessments continuing, needs are expected to increase.

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