Philippines – Typhoon Hagupit
Global ETC Teleconference
Date: 05/12/14   TIME: 13:00 UTC

Minutes: Caroline Teyssier, WFP

Attendance

Chair:	Gianluca Bruni (Geneva)
Canadian Red Cross	Matt Hewett
Ericsson Response	Brent Carbno (Montreal)
Global VSAT Forum	Steve Birnbaum (U.S.A.)
GSMA	Olly Parson (London)
ITU	Maritza Delgado (Geneva)
LUX	Gilles Hoffmann, Samatha Ries (Luxembourg)
Emergency.lu	Marianne Donven (Luxembourg)
MSB	John Isaksson (Stockholm)
NetHope	Gisli Olafsson (Accra)
OXFAM	Tausif Ansari (Oxford)
TSF	Clement Bruguera (Pau)
UNHCR	Nizar Zeidan, Ian Bennett (Amman)
WFP	Alpha Bah (Dubai)
	Martin Kristensson, Haidar Baqir, (Rome)
	Antoine Bertout, Caroline Teyssier (Rome)
	Karen Barsamian (Accra)

Teleconference / Meeting started at 13:00 UTC

Agenda

1. Update on the situation
2. Update from the different organizations
3. Tour de table/AOB

Minutes

1. Country level updates

- The Chair informed that the Government has not planned to call for International Assistance yet but it may request support in the areas of food, logistics and emergency telecommunications.

- The typhoon will most likely land in the Philippines on 7 December 2014.

- People have been already evacuated to some evacuation centers but those may not be sufficient.

- Government has also mobilized telecommunications experts from Mobile operators SMART and GLOBE. There are food and non-food items in stock, capacity on stand by and Logistics is already in place.

BANGKOK:

- WFP Regional ICT Officer confirmed that pending the situation, clusters may be requested for support. WFP approached agencies for preparedness measures and the Government may request support from Food, Logistics and ET clusters.

- WFP has two ICT colleagues already in Manila ready to be deployed within the country as required in addition to the team in the Manila country office.

3. Partner Updates

- **Ericsson Response** and **emergency.lu** remains on stand-by, monitoring the situation.

- **NetHope** confirmed a number of members are already in place. There are still 6 Ku-Band VSATs prepositioned at the WFP Warehouse in Cebu that may be used to support humanitarian organizations.

- **MSB** is seconding personnel to be sent to Tacloban but not as part of the ET Cluster.

- **ITU** is currently in contact with the Government, Department of Science and Technology, which have two ITU VSAT prepositioned and ready to be deployed as required.

- **Plan International** has 3 teams in the Philippines country office ready for deployment. The organization also prepositioned staff in Tacloban with some satellite equipment (1 VSAT, Bgans and phones).

- **UNHCR** is coordinating with the country office and regional bureau. The agency has capacity in Kuala Lumpur ready to deploy if situation deteriorates.

- **Global VSAT forum** had been in contact with some VSAT company currently contracted by UNDP and they may support with VSAT installer personnel if required.

- **TSF** has the team in Pau and Bangkok ready to deploy and two VSATs as well as Bgans and Sat phones prepositioned in Manila.

- **OXFAM** is getting ready and in contact with the team in country.

- **GSMA** was in touch with SMART and GLOBE that are taking preparedness activities. They will share with the association their current network status to use it as benchmark if damaged is made.

AOB

- The Chair suggests to stay ready and wait for the event and the Government potential request for assistance.

- A team from the Logistics cluster is also on site ready to support.

Meetings

Next Teleconference will be held on Monday 8 December at:

07:30 New York
12:30 UTC
13:30 Rome / Geneva
16:30 Dubai
19:30 Bangkok
20:30 Manila

Teleconference ended at 13:30 UTC

Acronyms

ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
GSMA	Groupe Speciale Mobile Association
HCT	Humanitarian Country Team
HF	High Frequency
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
ISP	Internet Services Provider
MSB	Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
TSF	Telecom Sans Frontieres
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VHF	Very High Frequency
WFP	World Food Programme
VHF	Very High Frequency

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the ICT Emergency website:

http://ictemergency.wfp.org/web/ictepr/emergencies2014/ebola-outbreak

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