

Philippines: Severe Tropical Storm Nalgae (Paeng)

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On 29 October 2022, Tropical Storm Nalgae, locally known as Paeng, hit the Philippines making its first landfall in Virac, Catanduanes in the Bicol Region.

Based on the 04 November 2022 Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) report from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), barely a week since its initial blow, around 4.8M individuals were affected all over the country wherein around 152,000 individuals are currently seeking refuge in 823 evacuation centers and around 896,000 individuals are temporarily staying with either family or friends outside evacuation centers.

In BARMM, joint rapid needs assessments by the government and humanitarian actors were conducted in various affected areas in Maguindanao and inter-agency meetings were called upon announcing the activation of the Clusters to work on the response plan out of the results of the conducted needs assessments.

Around 470,000 individuals were reported to have been displaced in BARMM—all coming from the Provinces of Maguindanao. In the other regions of Mindanao, on the other hand, although not placed under a state of calamity by the national government, several displacements caused by the onslaught of the tropical storms still occurred. As of reporting, protection monitoring is continuously being conducted in coordination with various concerned regional line agencies in Mindanao and other humanitarian actors to bridge the gaps in terms of the protection needs of the affected individuals.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Protection Monitoring and Mainstreaming

In coordination with other humanitarian actors, UNHCR is continuously conducting remote protection monitoring through the support of operational partners in all the regions in Mindanao especially in BARMM where the typhoon's aftermath was felt the most. UNHCR continues to provide a link to the duty-bearers and the rights-holders by documenting the issues of the persons of concern through the regular release of Situational Reports and IDP Protection Assessment Reports to government and humanitarian partners.

COORDINATION SUPPORT

IDP Protection Cluster Co-Leadership

As a co-lead of the Protection Cluster, UNHCR hosted and co-facilitated the first cluster meeting in Cotabato City on 02 November 2022. Attended by various government and humanitarian actors, the meeting discussed protection issues and gaps in relation to STS Nalgae. The findings and

recommendations gathered from the meeting will form part of the regular IDP Protection Assessment Reports that will be released by the cluster to inform humanitarian actors regarding the protection needs of the persons of concern.

Information Management Support

In the BARMM region, UNHCR is heavily supporting the MSSD in terms of information management for a systematic approach in responding to the affected communities of STS Nalgae in the region. Aside from the regular release of the Mindanao Displacement Dashboards, an official displacement monitoring system called IDP Profiling and Response Tracking (IPART) is in the works between UNHCR and MSSD to facilitate an evidence-based approach in the Bangsamoro.

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See the full report

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<https://www.unhcr.org/ph/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2022/11/UNHCR-STNalgae-Paeng-Emergency-SitRep-No.-01.pdf>

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