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\$10 million Aid to Philippines Humanitarian Response Efforts Welcomed

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) has this afternoon welcomed the announcement by the Federal Government that it will provide \$10 million in aid and humanitarian assistance to the Philippines, following the devastating aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.

ACFID is the peak Council for Australian humanitarian and international aid charities, and has many members already working on-the-ground to assess damage and provide immediate assistance.

“This commitment of \$10 million is most welcome and it comes at a time when communities and organisations are still coming to terms with the full impact of this ‘super’ typhoon,” said Joanna Lindner Pradela, Acting Executive Director.

“Typhoon Haiyan is one of the strongest storms ever recorded,” Ms Lindner Pradela said. “Despite early precaution measures, such as warnings and evacuations, the Philippines Red Cross estimates that at least 1,200 people have died and this number is expected to rise dramatically as more affected areas become accessible. It is feared as many as 10,000 may have been killed by debris and raging ocean surges.”

“ACFID Member NGOs are already on the ground and responding to this crisis and early funding support is essential for being able to provide timely assistance to those most in need,” she said.

“Of the \$10 million committed by the Federal Government this afternoon, \$4 million will go to NGOs and the Red Cross. This is an important contribution to the relief and recovery efforts already underway by these organisations and the funding received by the Australian public.”



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“It is clear that we are still at the very early stages of understanding the full damage, destruction and loss of life caused. As more information comes to hand, we must be prepared for the scale of this crisis and the scope of efforts that will be needed to support relief and recovery,” she said.

“For those members of the public wanting to support the immediate lifesaving response activities, and the ongoing recovery for those worst hit by this extreme storm we encourage you to consider donating to ACFID Member Organisations that are responding to Typhoon Haiyan.”

A full list of ACFID Members that are responding to Typhoon Haiyan can be found [here](#) or at the link below. These organisations are all signatories to the ACFID Code of Conduct, committing them to standards of good practice, transparency and accountability in their work.

Link: <http://www.acfid.asn.au/aid-issues/humanitarian-response/humanitarian-response>



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