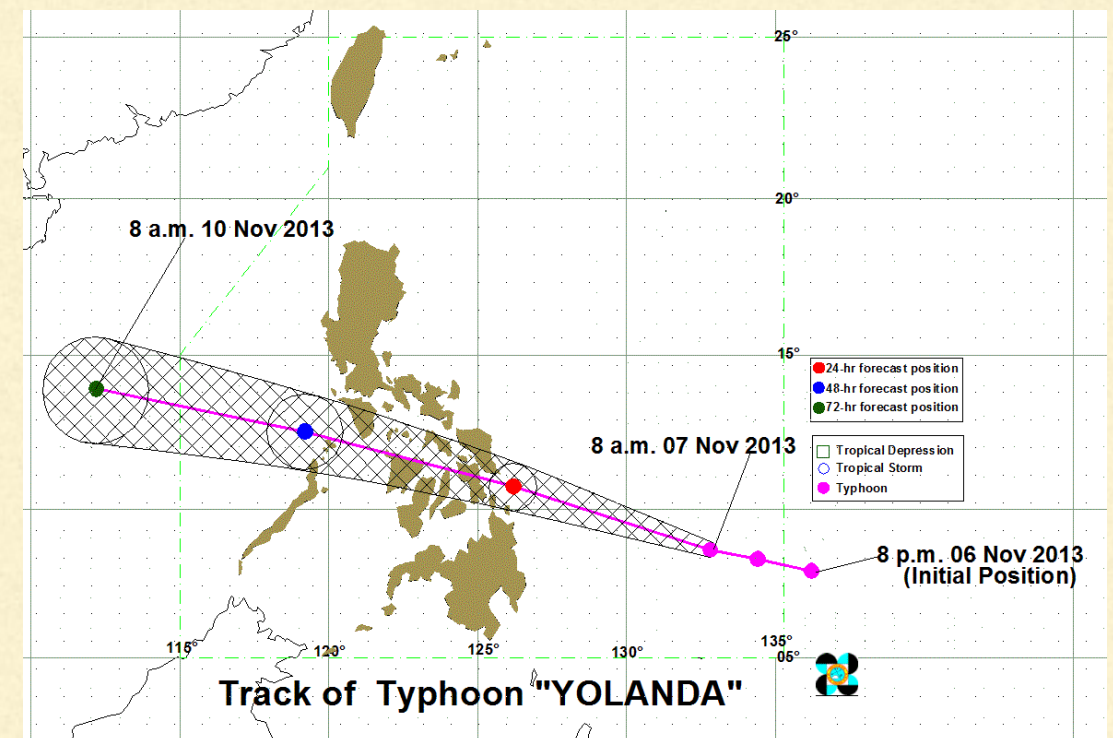

COOPERATION ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN THE ASIA PACIFIC: THE CASE OF TYPHOON HAIYAN

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JUST HOW STRONG WAS TYPHOON HAIYAN?

- Strongest tropical cyclone at landfall
- Maximum winds: 235 kph
- Gustiness: 275
- Duration: 6-9 November 2013
- Most affected areas: Provinces of Leyte and Samar; City of Tacloban in Leyte



SCALE OF DEVASTATION

- 6,300 people dead
 - 23,869 persons injured
 - Affected 3,424,953 families, 16,078,181 persons
 - Totally damaged 489,163 houses, partially damaged 595,149
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NOVEMBER 2013



APRIL 2014



WHAT WERE THE RESPONSES?

- **ASEAN**
 - Through the ASEAN Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Center):
 - - Monitoring the storm prior to landfall
 - - Activating the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA)
 - - First to establish emergency communication lines between local governments and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)
 - ASEAN Countries Provided almost 7 Million USD in cash as aid
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DATA ON FOREIGN AID



DATA ON FOREIGN AID (2)

FOREIGN AID PLEDGED:

PHP 73,307,438,834.36

(USD 1,643,038,277.66)

TOTAL CASH PLEDGED:

PHP 45,109,273,248.49

(USD 1,011,033,311.26)

TOTAL NON-CASH PLEDGES:

PHP 28,198,165,585.87

(USD 632,004,966.40)

FOREIGN AID RECEIVED:

PHP 17,233,297,910.67

(USD 386,249,588.96)

TOTAL CASH RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT:

PHP 1,202,312,574.78

(USD 26,947,409.61)

TOTAL NON-CASH RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT:

PHP 1,269,787,369.01

(USD 28,459,720.94)

TOTAL RECEIVED BY NGOS, MULTILATERALS AND OTHERS:

PHP 14,761,197,966.88

(USD 330,842,458.41)

Forex: 1 USD = PHP44.617

source: [Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas](#)

LESSONS LEARNED:

- The importance of information
 - Foreign aid is in no short supply in the Asia Pacific
 - No matter how massive, successful efforts at humanitarian assistance and disaster relief are also contingent on domestic politics
 - Setting-up of accountability mechanisms regarding foreign aid at the regional level could also be explored
 - Sea Lanes of Communication(SLOCs) can be used for cooperation rather than divisiveness during disaster response and humanitarian assistance
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- Thank you very much!
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