

# Situation Report

## Typhoon Vinta (Tembin)

December 26, 2017

### Introduction:

On December 22, Severe Tropical Storm Vinta (Tembin) made landfall in Cateel, Davao Oriental at 1:45am of 22 December, 2017. As of that morning, State weather bureau PAGASA reported Vinta was in the vicinity of Monkayo, Compostela Valley, and was tracking westward at 20 kilometers per hour (km/h). Vinta has increased its strength, carrying maximum winds of 90 km/h and gustiness of up to 125 km/h.

Storm alerts were raised by PAGASA in most of the provinces in Mindanao and in the southern half of Visayas. Residents of these areas were alerted for possible flash floods and landslides.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices of Cagayan de Oro City and Iligan City have declared a "Red Alert" or "evacuation" status as serious flooding is expected within their respective jurisdictions. Residents, particularly those in low-lying barangays and along river banks and seashores, were advised to undertake evacuation procedures.



As of, December 24, Vinta is already 355 kilometers south southeast of Pag-asa Island, Palawan. It is moving west at a slightly faster 25 kilometers per hour (km/h) from the previous 23 km/h, heading for the western boundary of the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR).

Based National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) report a total of **118,596 families or 550,805 persons** are affected in **1,019 barangays** to which there a total of **19,203 families or 89,524 persons** are currently staying inside **231 evacuation centers** in Regions MMAROPA, VII, IX, X, XI, and CARAGA.

A total of 164 dead (64-Region IX, 75-Region X, 24-ARMM) and 176 persons are still missing (170 for validation and 6 confirmed) were reported.

A total of 589 houses were reported damaged (131 total, 327 partially) in regions MIMAROPA, IX, X, XI and ARMM.

**Country/Location:** Philippines

**Title of emergency:** Impact of Sever Tropical Storm Vinta (Tembin) on Southern Philippines

**Dates covered by report:** December 26, 2017

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### **General overview (for EXTERNAL use)**

Tropical storm Kai-tak (locally known Urduja) left the Philippines Area of Responsibility (PAR) as another tropical storm entered PAR named Tembin (locally known as Vinta). TS Kai-tak dumped an estimated 300-500 mm of rain in eastern and central Visayas which caused flooding and landslides along its path. TS Tembin intensified as it made landfall in Davao Oriental in the morning of 22 December and crossed various provinces across Mindanao causing flash floods and landslides, which rendered several roads impassable. Severe flooding has been reported in Cagayan de Oro City and in a number of towns in Misamis Oriental, Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur provinces.

On 23 December, Vinta continued on across Mindanao causing landslide and flashing flooding in the provinces of Zamboanga Peninsula and in southern part of Palawan province. Vinta exited PAR in the afternoon of 24 December.

### **Country Office Program Areas:**

Several CO Staff who were stranded last December 22 due to cancelled flight were able to fly to Mindanao destinations already today. Home of one CO staff in Davao City was flooded while he was at office assisting in admin preemptive actions for Vinta. All of their belongings were wash away by the flood. Flooding was due to flooding in head waters of the river from the mountains going down in Davao City. Affected staff is currently staying at the office as he has other place to stay in the City. Currently CO management team is discussing how to support the affected staff.

Below are the program areas updates of their situations;

- KKKK (Cagayan De Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental)- Code Red was declared December 22 due to continuous rising of flood waters but as of yesterday afternoon when flood waters receded most of families that participated in the preemptive evacuations have returned to respective homes except to 190 families who was still in one evacuation center. No major impact of Vinta to the City was recorded except to some damage in infra and agriculture. All enrolled children were accounted safe
- BREATH (Provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, South Cotabato and Cotabato City)- As of December 24, TS Vinta has no impact to their covered areas. All enrolled children were accounted safe.
- ZnFePa (Province of Zamboanga Del Norte, Municipalities of Dipolog, Sindangan and Manuel Roxas)- As of December 23, TS Vinta has no impact to their covered areas. All enrolled children were accounted safe.
- Kalambuan (Pagadian City, Zamboanga Del Sur, Zamboanga City)- As of December 24, TS Vinta has no impact to their covered areas. All enrolled children were accounted safe.
- XAESFI (Province of Zamboanga Del Norte, Municipalities of Gutalac and Leon B. Postigo)- As of December 25, the local partner reported impact of TS Vinta in their covered municipalities of Leon B. Postigo and Gutalac.

#### **Municipality of Leon B. Postigo**

- 103 families or 515 individuals totally affected in 6 of the total 18 barangays and evacuated in 4 evacuation centers, 70% already returned home, those remaining families have heavily damaged houses.
- Of the 515 individuals 61 were babies between 0-3 yrs. old (28M, 33F), 408 individuals between 3 yrs. old to 59 years old (204M, 204F)
- 1 casualty

#### **Gutalac**

- 208 families or 1,040 individuals totally affected
- 10 out of the 33 total barangays were affected, 6 barangays are LP covered areas
- 24 reported casualties due to landslides and 7 are still missing due to flash flooding
- 56 totally damaged houses were reported in one covered barangay
- 11 houses in Barangay Sibalic drifted during flooding, of these 1 house is enrolled and 3 are kin care volunteer's houses under the BRAVE grant project of ChildFund with ChildFund Australia.
- **All 2,152 (Leon B. Postigo-1,229, Gutalac- 923) enrolled children** were accounted and are all in safe places.
- Both Municipalities (Leon B. Postigo and Gutalac) have declared local state of calamities through their local municipal councils.

- So far no National level state of calamity has been declared despite TS Vinta affecting more than 2 regions. As of the moment national government say that their resources are enough to respond to the needs of the affected population.
- Electricity is partially restored in the municipality of Leon B. Postigo. Communication in the affected areas are mostly restored.

### **Overview of ChildFund response (for EXTERNAL use)**

The NO has been monitoring the development of TS Vinta as soon as the weather system developed and entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) as TS Urduja was exiting into the West Philippine Sea. Periodic updates and early warning messages were sent to staff and local partners for increased awareness and vigilance on incoming hazard events. Constant coordination was made by the local partners with their respective LGU partners particularly with the Local DRRM Offices in the affected cities and provinces.

The Acting Country Director convened last December 22 the Country Emergency Response Team (CERT) and discussed preemptive preparatory actions (administrative, logistics) in case there is a decision to respond. The CERT remains on alert monitoring the situation all throughout and will remain so as a new LPA is seen coming to the Philippines.

Based on the result of the assessment made by the local partner and reports coming from the DSWD and NDRRMC on the impact of TS Vinta, the municipality of Gutalac is the most heavily affected of the two covered municipalities by our local partner Xavier Agricultural Extension Service Foundation Incorporated (XAESFI) (Leon B. Postigo and Gutalac) both in the province of Zamboanga Del Norte (around 6% of the total population for both municipalities).

XAESFI has decided to respond and will utilize their 25% subsidy emergency fund by providing relief assistance particularly on distributing food packs to the affected families as based on initial rapid assessment food security is the most immediate need of the affect population.

The determination to provide food pack distribution was based on the initial result of the rapid assessment conducted by the local partner staff in coordination with the local DRRM Offices of Leon B. Postigo and Gutalac that food security is the most need of the moment as capacity of the local governments to provide sufficient food distribution to the total affected population fall short of their plan and cannot provide to all as of the moment as no assistance yet is coming from the province and regional level. Relief food distribution is crucial to prevent malnutrition to families particularly to children.

As of December 26, XAESFI 25% emergency fund request has been approved by the Acting CD and currently expediting the purchase of the food packs for delivery to target population. Also, Country Office CPiE focal person and CPiE specialist are on their way to XAESFI areas in Leon B. Postigo and Gutalac respectively to provide technical assistance to the local partner staff in the immediate

establishment and implementation of CCS. The CCS activities will be simultaneous with the distribution of Food Packs.

The food pack to be distributed is based on the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) food distribution standard which will feed a family of 5 members for 3 days which consist of 6 kilos of rice, 4 cans of sardines, 4 cans of corned beef/meat loaf and 6 sachets of cereal drink/coffee.

Nearby local partner, Zamboanga Del Norte Federation of Parents Association (ZnFepa) are lending their 3 CCS boxes, 6 youth animators and 3 staff to the affected areas of XAESFI to help fast track the implementation of CCS with the support of the 2 CO CPiE persons. The animators from ZNFEPa will initially facilitate the CCS sessions for children and will be supervised by the Child Protection Specialist. They will also start recruiting and training other animators coming from the affected partner XAES. This being a level 1 response, the Country Office will only initially support the CPiE work and will eventually hand it over to the partner in a week or two. They will also initially support in coordination work particularly on child protection.

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##### 1. Security & logistics

Flooding threats have subsided. The security situation in the affected areas are generally stable despite the presence of armed guerilla groups. There are no reports of banditry in the area.

Bia Mustapha (Child Protection Focal Person) travelled by land with security clearance from the Security Consultants as facilitated by the HR and Admin Director.

Marcela Donaal (Child Protection Specialist) is travelling by plane on December 27. She is currently remotely working with the partner and Bia on child protection tasks.

Abdullah Dumo (Driver/Admin Support Staff) was gravely affected by the flash floods above 6 feet high in Davao City. He was in the office working when it happened while his family (wife with a week- old baby and 4 kids) were in a nearby city, were not home. Thus, they were not able to save any belongings. Mud and water are still affecting their place.

##### 2. Partnership and coordination

ChildFund through its local Partner is in close coordination with the local government unit of Leon B. Postigo and Gutalac particularly in assessing immediate needs of the affected population.

As of the moment, no network meetings have been scheduled yet as most of the humanitarian organizations are stretch thinly already with their response in Marawi City and to TS Urduja which devastated southern Luzon and Visayas provinces the past week.

ChildFund DRM specialist will take lead on attending meetings once they are convened. As part of the National Child Protection Working Group (NCPWG), ChildFund has been included in the contingency plan for Child Protection in Emergencies (CPiE) interventions.

### 3. Program:

The new local partner Xavier Agriculture Extension Service Foundation incorporated (XAESFI) initiated projects in October this year on Early Childhood Development (ECCD). Program such as disaster risk reduction and management with the local government clearly has not been established yet and also the municipalities in the area are rarely visited as well by typhoons.

Also, a UNICEF grant project on ECCD “Advocacy and Building capacities of duty-bearers on Comprehensive and inclusive Child Protection and early childhood Care and Development (ABCCDE) Project” was just started as well last October this year as well. The Building Resilience Against Violence and Exploitation (BRAVE) of children in IP communities is being implemented as well for the past year and half already supported by ChildFund Australia.

The local partner has a total of **2,152 enrolled children in the two areas**. Most of program participants are from the Indigenous People community.

A donor visit is scheduled in the area for the BRAVE Project come first week of January 2018. A call was already made with ChildFund Australia. The visit may continue since the staff has already initiated the travel to the Philippines. However, a determination if actual visit to the sites will still be necessary or the visit can be repurposed.

### 4. Staffing

A rapid assessment and coordination team was formed and on standby just in case it was needed to be deployed. The composition of the team as follows:

Name	Team Designation / Tasks
1. Erwin Peter Galido	Team Leader
2. Meriam Blancaflor	Media and Communications / Sponsor Relations
3. Severo Talavera	Rapid Assessment and Coordination
4. Bia Musthapa	Rapid Assessment and Coordination (CPiE)
5. Hasyim Amaikurot	Finance and Administration
6. Abdullah Dumo	Driver and Admin Assistant

CPiE focal person, Bia Mustpha is heading already to XAESFI which will be followed shortly by CP specialist, Marcela Donaal to provide technical guidance in the establishment and implementation of CCS in the affected target areas.

Currently, the Senior Management Team ( Acting CD/PD, FD and HRAD) is continuously working with the DRR Specialist to be on top of the situation.

### 5. Donors

No donors have committed at this point as initial assessment result to only minimal impact to program areas only. Emergency response operations will be from the reallocation of the local partner subsidy funds to emergency funds.

ChildFund Australia has sent an email to Ben Philips inquiring if there's a need for funding.

CO is planning to develop a project proposal to IO/Alliance on cash transfer/ livelihood recovery project to help affected families recover to the loss of their livelihood.

#### 6. Finance (Budget Source)

The CO has approved the 25% reallocation request of XAESFI (**total of P235,303.97 for the period of 3 months, January-March 2018**) to provide food distribution and conduct of CCS to affected families. It also included an amount of P174,110.09 which are savings from the past months giving a total of **P409,524.06** budget for XAESFI for their response to be allocated for the relief and child protection assistance.

#### 7. Media/Communications

The Media and Communications focal person of the CO is also in close coordination with the local partner in collecting quality photo and video documentation on the impact of the hazard event and document the coping capacity of the affected communities.

Photos will soon be uploaded in the media bank.

#### 8. Next steps what are the next steps? Recommendation.

Possible next steps would be conducting deeper assessment if ever critical humanitarian needs arise after the relief phase of this disaster. In consideration already, is the development of a livelihood recovery project.

#### 9. Additional Information

ChildFund staff has initiated voluntary contributions to support Abdullah Dumo and family while they are still not able to go back home. Most of the staff committed to provide in cash and in kind assistance.

Above initiatives are being done while regular programming continues.