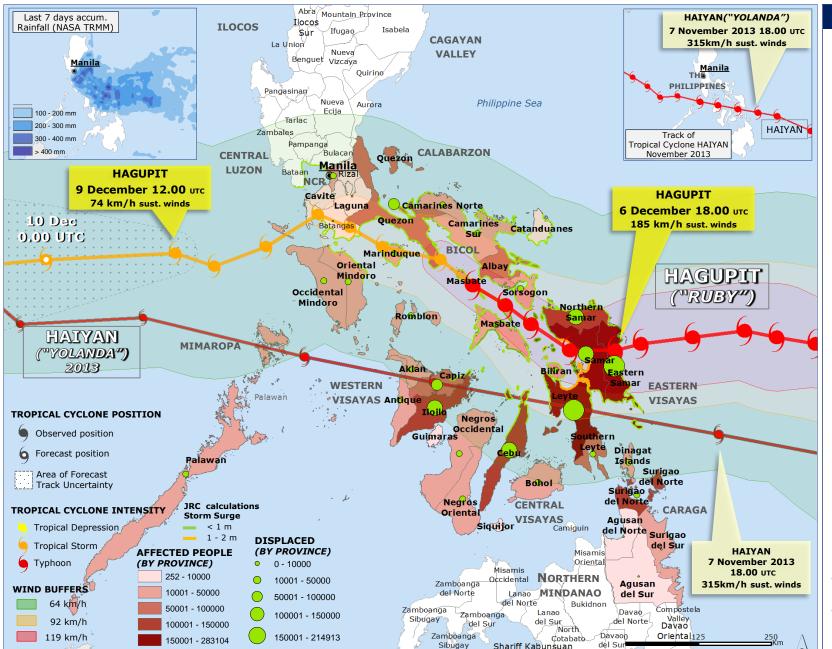
9 December 2014: The Philippines - Tropical Cyclone HAGUPIT





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SITUATION

- HAGUPIT (RUBY) is currently moving over the South China Sea, away from the Philippines, as a Tropical Storm. In the following 24h, it is forecast to continue moving over the South China Sea, weakening further. As of 9 December afternoon, all Public Storm Warning Signals had been lifted in the Philippines.
- HAGUPIT has been affecting the Philippines with heavy rainfall, strong winds and storm surge. According to the latest NDRRMC report (as of 9 December, 7.00 UTC), eight people were killed and 2 243 479 people were affected. Floods have been reported by the NDRRMC in the provinces of Quezon and Laguna (Calabarzon region) and in Marindugue (Mimaropa region), and a State of Calamity has been declared in Albay, Camarines Sur and Catanduanes in Bicol Region and in San Pablo City of Laguna province. According to the latest reports received from the ECHO rapid assessment teams, Batangas and Masbate suffered only light damage due to an enhanced level of preparedness of the local authorities. In some areas, the population is already returning to their homes.
- Eastern and Western parts of Samar Island have been identified as the worst hit areas so far. Road to Dolores is still blocked and communications remain difficult. Compiling of the overall picture of damage and needs is ongoing. No request for international assistance for the time being.
- ERCC is considering the activation of Copernicus EMS for satellite imagery related to damage assessment. This will be done in coordination with other similar efforts of international partners.

Sources: ECHO, <u>GDACS</u>, <u>JTWC</u>, <u>PAGASA</u> <u>NDRRMC</u>, Media (<u>1</u>, <u>2</u>)

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