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UNITED NATIONS STAFF RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR VICTIMS OF TYPHOONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Hundreds of people have lost their lives since back-to-back storms started pounding on 26 September 2009, when Typhoon Ketsana took 420 lives away and battered Manila and nearby provinces in the Philippines. One week later, Typhoon Parma killed as many as 430 lives and destroyed 55,000 houses. After the fourth Typhoon, Mirinae, on 31 October 2009, at least 16 were reported killed and 4 missing. With more than 8 million people affected and 100,000 homeless, the nation's disaster response mechanism has been pushed to the limit.

The Massive landslides and the worst flooding in 40 years have raised the national death toll to 945, plus 167 deaths due to Leptospirosis, a life threatening flood-borne disease caused by water contamination. At present, 87,467 people are still crammed into makeshift shelters around Manila and surrounding provinces.

With the approval of the Secretary-General and the support of the United Nations Staff Union, staff at UN Headquarters have formed a United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the victims of recent typhoons in the Philippines, to collect donations from the staff-at-large. The Committee members are:

H.E. Mr. Hilario G. Davide, Jr.,
Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines
Honorary Chairperson

Ms. Emma Dumalag, *Chairperson*
Ms. Cordelia Gow, *First Vice-Chairperson*
Ms. Vivian Cruz, *Second Vice-Chairperson*
Ms. Sheryl Simmons, *Treasurer*
Mr. Joel Picache, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ms. Rose Gaddi, *Secretary*

From 9 - 30 November 2009, contributions in cash or cheque will be collected by authorized staff members on behalf of the Committee floor by floor and also stationed in front of the cafeterias. All proceeds will be donated to aid the victims of the recent typhoons in the Philippines.

Contributions may be deposited at any branch of the United Nations Federal Credit Union, **Account Number 10-3014220-0002**. Staff overseas can contribute by sending a wire transfer to this account number, using **ABA No. 226078609**. Contributions may also be made by *cheque payable to the UNSRC-VRTP* and send to *UN Staff Relief Committee for victims of recent typhoons in the Philippines*, Secretariat, room S-525, c/o Ms. Sheryl Simmons.

Volunteers are requested to help in the collection of contributions for this worthy cause.

If you can help, please contact:

Ms. Emma Dumalag, 212-963-2395 or Ms. Cordelia Gow, 212-963-3929