

## Outlying Area Assessments

**Publishanuan** (51P YN 0060 8720) - First the TM traveled to the village of Publishanuan on Sumargat Island. The village is located on the western side of the island. This area was minimally impacted by the typhoon. The community suffered only one casualty during the storm, which was the result of a heart attack. 185 structures on the island were damaged (accounting for 20%) and a school collapsed. Residents of Publishanuan had adequate supplies because they were able to transport goods from Luzon themselves following the typhoon. The main supply route from Luzon (ferry and ground transport) remains open. The island has power because it is not tied to the national grid. Instead they have always relied on generator power. Cell service is also functional. The Philippines Army had visited the island once to conduct an assessment. Life appeared to be returning to normal. The children will start back to school tomorrow (18NOV13). The Barangay captain and police chief recommended that the TM conduct an assessment of Daram, a village located to the west on a neighboring island.

**Daram** (51P XN 9543 8648) -The village faces east and as a result suffered slightly more damage than its neighbor. Approximately 30 structures collapsed and over 200 were damaged. However, damage was still minimal compared to the Tacloban area. The village suffered no casualties as a result of the typhoon. The island currently does not have any power but cell service is functioning. Some refugees from Tacloban who have family on the island have sought refuge there.

**Thelma** (51P XP 8960 0603) – Thelma is single Barangay island located to the north of Daram and Publishanuan. It is predominantly a fishing community. This island also was minimally impacted by the typhoon. The island is tied to the national grid and power is available. The community's primary water source is from wells which remain functional. Approximately 40% of the structures on the island received some damage, though relatively minor. Very few structures collapsed. Residents had no new significant issues to report as a result of the storm.

**Assessment** - Islands to the NW of Tacloban (VIC Zumarranga Channel) were minimally impacted by the typhoon. There is no critical need for immediate aid. Efforts should be focused on areas to the south.

### 1. **Pago** (51P YN 1872 2836)

- 5 casualties
- previously received 3 relief distributions
- Located along main highway
- TM did not drop supplies

### 2. **Pasil** (51P YN 1744 2608)

-103 families/363 residents

-Remote /rural location

- 1 casualty /1 injury – TM D assessed injury as minor (bruises and scrapes from wall collapse)

-Nearly all structures in the Barangay were significantly damaged. Many had lost their roofs or were partially collapsed.

-previously received 1 aid distribution

-TM marked DZ (51P YN 1703 2541 – 50mx 30m hard grassy surface but surrounded by marshy rice paddies) with orange tarp and requested air supply drop.

-TM later observed a local HN relief TM delivering supplies in the area.

### 3. **Tabon Tabon** (51P YN 14547 21332)

-Residents had recently picked up USAID tarps and water at the distribution center.

-Water is the most severe shortage. The village appeared to have adequate food stores.

-Village has no electricity, no cell phone service, and no running water.

-The municipal building was severely damaged. Several large structures were on the verge of collapse.

-14 casualties/20 injuries.

-Potential 51P YN 14522 21397 (100mx 50m) flat, hard packed, grassy field

-TM will attempt to make a water deliver to the village tomorrow en route to assessment areas to the west.

Assessment: Remote areas to the south of Taclaban and west of Yulauan have received limited aid distributions. Most have been delivered by local HN relief teams or have been picked up by municipal leaders at distribution centers. As a result, small remote baragays that lack adequate transportation have not acquired sufficient supplies. Potable water is the most immediate problem throughout the region.

**Marabot** (51P YN 41710 28887) - First the TM traveled to the village of Marabot in Samar. The village is located on the western side of the peninsula. This area was severely impacted by the typhoon. The community suffered 24 casualties during the storm, 2058 injured, and 8 missing. Approximately 80% of the structures in the village were damaged. Residents of Marabot had adequate supplies do to the Philippine military and other agencies resupplying them. When the team arrived there was already a detachment from the 87<sup>th</sup> INF BN stationed there. That unit is part of the 8<sup>th</sup> ID and more units from them are stationed along the SW tip of the Samar peninsula stretching up the West side of the peninsula. The town of Laua-An is the 8<sup>th</sup> ID's LOA and where the 14<sup>th</sup> ID starts their area of

responsibility. The area surrounding Marabot has no power from the grid or generator power at this time. Cell service is barely functional and is unreliable. Life appeared to be returning to normal but due to the mass devastation of the village's buildings it is slow at best. During the visit the TM spent most of its time talking to CPT Quioco who is in charge of the forces there. He also stated that they will be moving North along the coast in a few days to help in another area. After receiving a brief from him on the force lay down in the area it is the TM's opinion that the area is being taken care of.

**Barangay Buenavista, Macani island** (51P YN 90007 17035) -The barangay itself sits on the East side of the island, which is why it sustained significant damage from the typhoon. Approximately 75% of its structures were damaged. The village suffered one casualty as a result of the typhoon and the TM was told that the other barangays did not sustain any losses. Most people from the island evacuated themselves to high ground and other hardened shelters before the typhoon hit. The island currently does not have any power and cell service is not functioning. At this time the island is not receiving official aid but it is getting supplies from the surrounding islands when transportation is available. The island is in need of basic medical supplies and care, building materials, generators, and fuel. During the assessment the TM's 18D treated a few injuries that were not bad but due to the lack of medicines had become infected. The TM evacuated one HN person to Tacloban airport because her injury had become infected to the point that it required immediate care from a doctor. The island has a total of four barangays and from the air appear to be in the same condition as the barangay that the TM visited.

**Barangay Bitaugan, Homohon Island** (51P YM 96446 90801) – The island of Homohon has a total of eight barangays. The Barangay of Bitaugan is the leading exporter of lemons in area. The barangay CPT kept asking for assistance in receiving fertilizer so they could replant the lemon trees. The island is receiving aid but due to the lack of transportation once the aid is dropped off it stay in that barangay. U.S. Navy is said to be the main supplier of aid at this time. As the TM approached the island an Osprey was on the ground distributing supplies to one of the barangays. The people of the barangay appear to be in good spirits. They had no casualties and only one was reported for the entire island. A need for building materials, medicine, fuel, and generators is apparent. The island has no power or cell phone service at this time.

**Barangay Sulu-An, Sulu-An island** (51P ZM 22715 91150) – The island has only one barangay. The barangay itself sustained about 70% to its structures. The barangay reported no casualties to the TM. At this time they have received aid that was brought in from the U.S. Navy. There is a mid wife in the village that is treating any minor injuries and sickness that might occur. The island is need of medicine, fuel, and generators for power. The people appear to be positive about the situation are starting to rebuild the barangay but are in need of building materials. At this time the island has no power or cell phone coverage.

**Assessment** - These three islands sustained extensive damage during the typhoon. There is a need for immediate aid in support of medical treatment and drinking water. Efforts should be focused on these islands as well as a better tracking system to ensure that the aid is getting distributed evenly amongst the different barangays on the islands.