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HOW TO DONATE TO VICTIMS OF TYPHOON FRANK (FENGSHEN)

NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General New York wishes to inform the public that, in accordance with the directive of Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, all concerned agencies of the Philippine Government have been mobilized to provide aid and assistance to the victims of tropical cyclone dubbed Typhoon Frank (Fengshen) which made landfall in Samar on 20 June, tracking an unusual course which affected nearly all regions from Mindanao, the Visayas all the way to Northern Luzon, before leaving the Philippine area of responsibility on 23 June 2008.

The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) provided immediate emergency assistance to affected communities and remains on top of relief and recovery operations, coordinating regional, local and international efforts. A state of calamity has been declared in Paombong and Obando in Bulacan, Albay, Antique, Iloilo, Carigara in Leyte Province, Zamboanga City, Aklan, Capiz, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotobato and in Lake Sebu, Surallah and Tiboli in South Cotobato.

The typhoon's route also caused the sinking of various marine vessels, including the passenger ship MV Princess of the Stars, which capsized last 21 June off the coast of Romblon with 141 crew / non-crew members and 725 passengers on board. As of 6:00 PM, 25 June the NDCC reported 70 found dead and 48 found alive, most rescued by fishermen from nearby islands. Recovery operations continue.

Filipinos around the world have expressed a desire to help. The Philippine Consulate General New York advises the community that they may course their donations directly to the NDCC or to the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), through the following methods:

1. Cash or check donations can be deposited in the following bank accounts:

A. National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Account

PESO Account

Bank: Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Camp Aguinaldo
Branch, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

Acct Name: NDCC Donated Fund

Acct. No.: 0-00149-435-3

Swift Code: DBPHPHMM Acct. No. 36002016

Type: Current Account

B. Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) Account/s

PESO Account

- 1) Bank: Metrobank, Port Area Branch, Anda Circle, Port Area, Manila
Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross
Acct. No. 151-3-041-63122-8 MBTC
Type of Acct: Savings
- 2) Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands, Port Area Branch, Port Area, Manila
Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross
Acct. No.: 4991-0010-99
Type of Acct: Current

DOLLAR Account

- 1) Bank: Metrobank, Port Area Branch, Anda Circle, Port Area, Manila
Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross
Acct. No. 151-2-151-00218-2
Swift Code: MBTC PH MM
- 2) Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands, United Nations Branch, Ermita, Manila
Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross
Acct. No.: 8114-0030-94
Type of Acct: Savings
Swift Code: BOIPHMM

NOTE: For proper acknowledgement, send bank transaction slips to (632) 5255654 or (632) 4040979 with the donor's name, address and contact numbers, by fax to the PNRC

2. **SMS or G-Cash (GLOBE) or SMART donations to PNRC** can be sent by text / SMS to: For SMS, Text: RED<space> AMOUNT to 2899 (Globe) or 4483 (Smart)
For G-Cash, Text: DONATE <space> AMOUNT <space> 4-digit M-PIN <space> REDCROSS to 2882
3. **Donations by credit card to PNRC**, attn: Ms. Charina Bognalbal, phone (632) 4040979, with the following information:
 - a. Name of Card Member
 - b. Billing Address
 - c. Contact Numbers (landline and mobile)
 - d. Credit Card No.
 - e. Expiry Date
 - f. CCV2 / CVC2 (last three digits at the back of the credit card)
 - g. Amount to be donated (in numbers and words)
4. **Guidelines for on-line donations to the PNRC** available at www.redcross.org.ph

All original papers / documents on donations to the PNRC must be forwarded to:

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS
C/O Sec. Gen. Corazon Alma De Leon
National Headquarters
Bonifacio Drive, Port Area
Manila, Philippines, 2803

5. Medicines and/or medical and humanitarian missions may contact:

DR. VIRGINIA ALA
Chief, Bureau of International Health Cooperation
Department of Health
Attention: **Ms. Nono Balbino**
Chief, Technical Division
Tel: (632) 781-2843, Fax: (632) 781-8843
Or
Dr. Carmencita Banato—(63)917-8455481
Dr. Arnel Rivera —(63)928-394-6756

6. All other queries such as donations of equipment, relief goods, and others may contact:

For NDCC:

Maj. GENERAL GLENN J. RABONZA
Administrator NDCC
Attn: Engr. Florentino Sison
Deputy Chief, Operations Division, NDCC
Tel: (632) 912-5979, 912-2665;
Fax: (632) 911-1873, 911-1406, 912-5668, 912-0984

For PNRC:

Mr. BENJIE DELFIN
Head, Operations Center
Disaster Management Center
Philippine National Red Cross
Direct Line: (632) 527-0865; Fax: (632) 524-5787

Updated information on relief and rehabilitation efforts in communities devastated by Typhoon Frank (International Code: Fengshen) as well as status reports on recovery operations for the victims of the sinking of MV Princess of the Star are available on the website of the NDCC at www.ndcc.gov.ph.

The Philippine Consulate General New York looks forward to providing information and coordinating assistance projects with Filipino community organizations in the Northeast US. END