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HOW TO HELP VICTIMS OF TROPICAL STORM ONDOY (KETSANA)

NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General New York wishes to inform the public that, in accordance with the directive issued by Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, all agencies of the Philippine Government have been mobilized to provide aid and assistance to the victims of Tropical Storm Ondoy (Ketsana) which in six hours brought almost as much rainfall as is expected in a month to Southern Luzon. A State of Calamity has been declared in the capitol, Manila, and in 25 other provinces.

The Office of the President has put up Oplan Sagip Bayan, mobilizing government agencies through the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), civic groups, media agencies and other organizations, to provide immediate emergency assistance to affected communities at the local, regional and international levels.

Filipinos in the tri-state area and beyond have also expressed a desire to help. The Philippine Consulate General New York advises the community that they may course their donations in the Northeast region of the US to “**Project Handang Tumulong**”. Please make checks payable to “**Handang Tumulong Fund**” (with “**Typhoon Ondoy**” on the memo line), and send to:

- a. PO Box No. 1362 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, c/o Filipino American Association of Fair Lawn, Inc. - Nelsie Parrado; or the
- b. Philippine Consulate General New York, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036 - c/o Consul General Cecilia B. Rebong

Those who wish to send their donations directly to the Philippines may do so through the following channels:

- A. National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC)
 NDCC Donated Funds
 Current Account (Philippine peso) #0-00149-435-3
 Swift Code: DBPHPHMM Account #36002016
 Development Bank of the Philippines
 Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo Branch
 Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City
 Philippines

- B. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

Contact Persons: Imee Rose Castillo / Rey Martija
(632-9312101 local 506-507 or 63-9517119)

US Dollar	Philippine Peso
DSWD Foreign Donations Account No. 3124-0055-81 ZIP Address: TLBPPHMMXXX LBP Batasan Branch Constitution Hills, Quezon City	DSWD Donation Account No. 3122-1011-84 LBP Batasan Branch Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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

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<p><i>Metrobank</i> 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</p> <p><i>Bank of the Philippine Islands</i> United Nations Branch, Ermita, Manila Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross Acct. No.: 8114-0030-94 Type of Acct: Savings Swift Code: BOPIPHMM</p>	<p><i>Metrobank</i> 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</p> <p><i>Bank of the Philippine Islands</i> Port Area Branch, Port Area, Manila Acct Name: The Philippine National Red Cross Acct. No.: 4991-0010-99 Type of Acct: Current</p>

Other queries and donations may be referred to the following agencies:

A. NDCC (Relief Goods / Rehabilitation Equipment)

Maj. General Glenn J. Rabonza

NDCC Administrator

Attn: Engr. Florentino Sison

Deputy Chief, Operation Division

Tel: (632) 9125979 / 9122665; Fax: (632) 9111873 / 9125668 / 9120984

Donation Drop Off Points	
Pasay Area	National Resource Operation Center Chapel Road, pasay City Attn: Mrs, Francia Fabian (632) 8528081 / 63918-9302356
Quezon City Area	Disaster Resource Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) DSWD Central Office Attn: Rey Martiga or Imee Rose Castillo 632-951-7119 / 9517435 Assistant Secretary Vilma Cabrera at 63918-934-5625
Manila Area	DSWD_NCR San Rafael corner Legarda St. Quiapo, Manila Attn: Director Delia Bawan 635-734-8622 / 734-8642

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

DR. VIRGINIA ALA

Chief, Bureau of International Health Cooperation

Department of Health

Attention: Ms. Noni Balbino

Chief, Technical Division

Tel: (632) 781-2843, Fax: (632) 781-8843

Updated information on relief and rehabilitation efforts in communities devastated by Typhoon Ondoy well as status reports on recovery operations for the victims are available on the website of the NDCC at www.ndcc.gov.ph.

The Philippine Consulate General New York will be providing details on efforts of the Filipino community organizations in the Northeast USA as they become available. For more information on Project Handang Tumulong, please contact Deputy Consul General Melita Sta. Maria Thomeczek at 212-764-1330 ext 306 or Cultural Officer Marievic Dimaculangan at 212-819-8655. END.