



Haiyan typhoon: 11 French NGOs are calling for a stronger international fundraising mobilisation

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Eleven French NGOs operating in the Philippines, including Doctors of the World (Médecins du Monde – MdM), Action Contre la Faim, CARE, Enfants du Mékong, Handicap International, Oxfam France, Première Urgence – Aide Médicale Internationale, Catholic Relief – Caritas France, Islamic Relief France and Solidarités International gathered yesterday to discuss their responses to Typhoon Haiyan. The goal was to improve coordination of humanitarian responses across agencies.

This will complement existing coordination with locally based stakeholders particularly the Filipino authorities and the United Nations. NGOs report that help has been deployed for several days and is reaching tens of thousands of beneficiaries despite significant access and logistical hurdles (e.g. destroyed infrastructure, transport bottlenecks, geographical constraints). They are concerned with the small amounts allocated to the response, given the extent of the disaster. NGOs are again calling on international donors, including the United States to mobilize additional financial resources to help the affected population.

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About Doctors of the World:

Doctors of the World USA (MdM USA) is the US-based chapter of the international network of Médecins du Monde, dedicated to providing emergency and long-term healthcare to vulnerable populations around the world. Established in 2011, MdM USA works with communities both locally and globally, committed to improving access to quality medical services for populations suffering from poverty, disease, conflict, natural disasters and health disparities. MdM provides direct medical care under all circumstances, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, or political beliefs. Doctors of the World was founded in 1980 in Paris, France by 15 doctors seeking to address healthcare gaps and inequality. For more information please visit <http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org/>

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