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## Information Bulletin Palau: Typhoon Haiyan

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This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Palau Red Cross Society (PRCS), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has determined that an International Appeal is not required, and is therefore not seeking additional funding or other assistance from donors at this time.

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Martha Techitong from PRCS interviewing an elderly couple in Kayangel. The tarpaulin and cooker were distributed during the initial response. **Photo:** PRCS.

## The situation

Palau Red Cross Society (PRCS) has been continuing its response to Typhoon Haiyan, which passed as a Category 5 Tropical Cyclone just to the northeast of Palau on Friday 7 November at around 4am. Those States hardest hit were located towards the north of the country, in particular the island of Kayangel which was completely devastated, requiring the residents to be evacuated to the city of Koror.

Fortunately there were no fatalities, however across the country many houses have been severely damaged, and electricity and water supply were cut off for several days. The Government of Palau has estimated a total of USD 5,945,150 (approx. CHF 5.38 mil) in damage across six sectors (education, utilities, health, agriculture, public works and housing).

A total of 415 homes were damaged, 39 of which were completely destroyed (22 of which were on Kayangel).<sup>1</sup> Water rationing was in effect for more than a week and in some areas the water is yet to be restored.

Prior to the typhoon, the Palau Government had activated the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) and PRCS activated its Emergency Operations Centre. Throughout the response, PRCS participated

<sup>1</sup> Republic of Palau National Emergency Committee, "Super Typhoon Haiyan Immediate and Near Term Response Plan", 27 November 2013.

in meetings of the National Emergency Committee (NEC), providing updates on the situation and its activities.

On Friday 8 November, the President signed a Declaration of a State of Emergency and signed the “Super Typhoon Emergency Funding Act” which released USD 1.48 million (approx. CHF 1.34 mil) for immediate relief and restoration of infrastructure.

The morning after the typhoon, PRCS was among the first responders on the ground, reaching affected areas to conduct an initial damage assessment across eleven States in Koror and Babeldaob. Over the next few days, the teams conducted detailed needs assessments and distributions of emergency relief supplies in the worst affected locations, and responded to numerous distress calls from across the country.

To date, PRCS has supported 129 households in Koror and Babeldaob with emergency relief supplies, including drinking water, tarpaulins, jerry cans, towels, soap, mosquito coils, emergency lighting and cooking stoves with gas. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Australian Red Cross and Micronesian Red Cross had personnel in Palau at the time of the typhoon, and they stayed to support the relief efforts of PRCS.

PRCS assisted people evacuated from Kayangel by delivering donations and providing supplementary food items to people staying at the shelter set-up by the Palau Government (Palau Cultural Center). Emergency relief items (including water, cooking sets, tarpaulins and jerry cans) were also sent to Kayangel State with the first helicopter deployed to conduct initial assessments.

On 15 November, the President of Palau visited Kayangel together with a delegation consisting of senior government officials from all 14 States, PRCS and the IFRC. This visit revealed the full extent of the devastation there, with few buildings remaining intact. All infrastructure and much of the agricultural crops were completely destroyed. PRCS and IFRC prepared a situation report which was shared with the government through the NEOC and to the wider international community.

The emergency phase of this operation is now over and on 18 November the NEOC and the PRCS Emergency Operations Centre were deactivated. The Government has now developed an Immediate and Near Term Response Plan, with support from UNOCHA, which identifies the key recovery activities, responsibilities and budget to be implemented over the coming 3 to 12 months. PRCS and IFRC will provide information and technical support to that process but are not in a position to implement early recovery and reconstruction activities due to limited capacities.

PRCS remains on standby to respond to any further distress calls, which have significantly reduced in number since the initial days of the operation, and is now turning its attention to the replenishment of its emergency relief supplies and preparedness for future response. The typhoon season is not yet over, so efforts are underway to restore PRCS to a state of readiness through the restocking of its warehouse, upgrading its communications equipment and updating its new Disaster Management Plan based on the experience of the recent response.

Australian Red Cross, New Zealand Red Cross, IFRC and the US Government through USAID/OFDA, have generously provided financial and in-kind contributions to support the response and readiness efforts of PRCS. No further international contributions are being sought at this stage.

# PRCS Relief Distributions

**Table 1: Summary of PRCS relief distributions in Koror and Babeldaob, as at 21 November 2013**

State	Total Households*	Affected/ Assessed Households	Households assisted with emergency relief items
Ngerchelung	56	51	37
Ngaraard	91	53	54
Ngardmau	39	11	11
Koror**	2,333	16	15
Airai	507	2	2
Aimeliik	56	2	2
Ngatpang	51	2	2
Ngiwal	45	2	1
Melekeok	60	3	1
Ngchesar	57	4	4
Ngaramlengui	62	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>129</b>

\* Total number of households has been estimated based on 2012 Mini-census data, based on an average of 5 persons per household.

\*\* The assessments & distributions were conducted based on distress calls made to PRCS and information gathered on the ground, rather than a State-wide approach.

## PRCS support to families from Kayangel

PRCS sent emergency supplies with the first helicopter to visit the affected island of Kayangel the day after the typhoon. The supplies included safe drinking water, jerry cans, tarpaulins and cooking stoves, to support those remaining behind to commence clean-up activities. PRCS staff and volunteers were also present at the National Cultural Centre in Koror to receive and register the 41 evacuees from the island of Kayangel and to distribute food, safe drinking water, bedding, clothing, portable toilets and other relief items from their own stock as well as those received from public donations. While some affected people have since relocated to host families, approximately 20 people remain in the government provided facility of Bai ra Seisang and continue to receive community donations of food and other items.

**Table 2: Summary of contents of PRCS family kits distributed to affected families**

No.	Description	Unit	Per family kit*
1	Safe drinking water	Pce	1
2	Jerry cans - collapsible	Pce	2
3	Soap	Pce	2
4	Towels	Pce	2
5	Bags	Pce	1
6	Tarpaulins	Pce	2
7	Emergency lighting (only some families needed)	Pce	1
8	Cooking stoves (only some families needed)	Pce	1
9	Mosquito coils	Pce	3
10	Butane cookers with fuel canisters (only some families needed)	Pce	2



PRCS family kits ready for distribution. **Photo:** PRCS.

\*Basic kit was supplied to all HH's (items 1 to 5), other items

# Progress against the PRCS Plan of Action

The following tables show progress to date, based on the PRCS Plan of Action as shown in [Information Bulletin 1](#).

Volunteer mobilization		
Outcome: Activation, training and support for a pool of 50 PRCS volunteers for deployments over a 30 day period to undertake assessment and response activities.		
Outputs (Expected Results)	Activities planned	Progress to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 volunteers are activated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pool of volunteers activated and roster confirmed.</li> <li>PRCS orientation training, familiarizing volunteers with the principles of the Red Cross and response.</li> <li>Conducting briefings and debriefing prior to and following each deployment.</li> <li>Activation of volunteer insurance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 23 volunteer were activated for a period of ten days. Four volunteers remain on call for as long as necessary to complete any residual work.</li> <li>Initial orientation and briefings were conducted by team leaders prior to departure for assessments.</li> <li>Teams were debriefed upon return to ensure that their welfare was well managed and to enable PRCS to fully capture the inputs of staff and volunteers.</li> <li>Initially 16 volunteer insurance applications were made through the IFRC volunteer insurance scheme; a further seven are in process. PRCS is planning to insure their core team for 2014.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers are adequately trained in assessments and distribution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhoc response related trainings to adapt volunteers to the requirements of the response.</li> <li>Undertake Community Disaster Response Training (CDRT) through PRCS, supported by ARC &amp; IFRC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentations were conducted so that new volunteers were able to understand the methodology used to conduct assessments and distributions. Volunteers were then matched with more experienced responders for field assignments.</li> <li>Although CDRT was initially planned to be implemented during the visit by PRCS, IFRC and MRCS, it has been postponed to early 2014 to give priority to other activities during the response phase.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers are supported with visibility materials, personal protective equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High visibility vests</li> <li>Back packs</li> <li>Gloves</li> <li>Ponchos</li> <li>Clip boards &amp; stationary</li> <li>T-shirts with logos</li> <li>Signage &amp; stickers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS provided initial visibility materials to the volunteers including: T-shirts, backpacks, ponchos, stickers, clip boards and stationary. Additional materials will be procured to support volunteer mobilization in the future.</li> </ul>

## Response preparation

**Outcome: PRCS has adequate communications, transport and logistics capacities to respond effectively to disasters.**

Expected results	Activities planned	Progress to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing communications facilities and equipment are tested and activated for response and further needs identified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon activation of the EOC all communications equipment is tested, activated and issued.</li> <li>Satellite phones are activated through New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC).</li> <li>Any inoperative equipment is recorded and included in the procurement planning for the response.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment was accounted for and tested, with deficiencies or defects reported to New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC) to explore possible solutions.</li> <li>4 satellite phones were activated and issued to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the National Emergency Management Office</li> <li>Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industry, and Commerce</li> <li>Kayangel State</li> <li>PRCS national office</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional communications needs are addressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HF (SSB) radios are installed for country wide coverage to substitute the need for satellite phones.</li> <li>Other needs are addressed to maintain a relevant communications network, including VHF radios and internet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NZRC are planning to visit PRCS to review the further radio and communications needs of PRCS. They will provide the necessary technical support, equipment and advice.</li> <li>Linkages will be made to the national systems to encourage and build relationships in preparedness and enhance coordination in response.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing PRCS relief items inventory is confirmed and items prepared for distribution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stock take is undertaken.</li> <li>Distribution kits are prepared and documented based on assessment analysis and consideration of standards.</li> <li>Procurement of additional relief items to complement existing stocks and needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A stock take was completed immediately upon the activation of the EOC.</li> <li>The composition of kits was based on the current stock availability in the PRCS warehouse as well as the highest priority needs of families based on the initial assessments.</li> <li>Additional items such as emergency lighting, tarpaulins, safe drinking water, portable stove, butane, soap and mosquito coils were procured to supplement the basic kits.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate transport is arranged to facilitate needs assessments and distribution activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate vehicles are hired to support and complement the immediate distribution needs of the responding teams.</li> <li>If funding allows, an additional vehicle will be procured to augment longer term response capacity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three cars were hired for a span of seven days. PRCS also received 2 hired cars as a donation for the initial rapid assessment.</li> <li>Currently no funding is available for the procurement of an additional vehicle.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logistics capacities of PRCS are further strengthened through training activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practical training provided to personnel engaged in logistics related activities to ensure that the NS can manage the relief items in a clear and transparent manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On- the-job training was provided to volunteers working in the staging area, to demonstrate the preparation of relief packages, handling of inbound and outbound requests and ensuring adequate documentation.</li> </ul>

## Response preparation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunistic trainings are undertaken in stock management and the mobilisation of relief items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As many of the volunteers were new to the Red Cross Movement, PRCS ensured they were properly mentored by senior staff and volunteers and kept actively engaged and informed about the overall operation.</li> <li>Basic Shelter training was provided to six of the volunteers to introduce them to standard relief items and basic emergency construction techniques.</li> </ul>
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## Rapid and Detailed Needs Assessments

<b>Outcome: PRCS teams undertake initial rapid assessments, followed by detailed needs assessments to determine the scope of the required response</b>		
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 24 hours of the disaster, PRCS teams will conduct a rapid assessment to determine the most affected locations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-deployment briefings for staff and volunteers including debriefing and operational updates.</li> <li>3 teams dispatched to the North, South &amp; Central states of Babeldoab and Koror.</li> <li>Compilation and analysis of data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The morning immediately following the typhoon, an initial briefing was held in the PRCS EOC to plan for a rapid assessment of the affected states in Koror and Babeldaob.</li> <li>The composition of teams was decided, and three teams were dispatched to different locations to collect visual data of the damage and estimated numbers and needs of people affected.</li> <li>Information was compiled by each team and discussed as part of the preparation for more detailed assessments to follow.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 7 days, detailed needs assessments will be completed in all 10 states of Babeldoab.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dispatching of 4 teams to conduct detailed household assessments on a state by state basis, beginning with those identified as worst affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the information of the rapid assessments was compiled, detailed household assessments were undertaken by four teams, commencing first in Ngerchelung, Ngaraard and Ngardmau states which had been identified as the worst affected.</li> <li>Within 24 hours of each assessment teams returned the following day to distribute the relief items based on the previous day's assessment.</li> <li>Distributions in states with minimal damage were conducted based on call-ins or information from the rapid assessment process.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual assessments in response to distress calls within Koror.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS teams on stand-by at the National Office and dispatched to individual homes to identify needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 32 call-ins were received and volunteer teams conducted individual assessments to determine needs and distribute relief items as required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessments of persons evacuated from Kayangel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and volunteers will receive and register evacuees at the Palau Cultural Centre and assess their needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS registered and assessed a total of 41 evacuees from Kayangel and provided immediate support (see further below)</li> <li>An estimated 20 people moved from the Cultural Centre to Bai ra Seisang and the PRCS will continue to monitor and support the needs of the beneficiaries as possible.</li> </ul>

## Relief materials and distribution

<b>Outcome: Up to 270 affected families will receive immediate food, water and/or relief supplies as required based on needs assessments.</b>		
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affected families in the 10 States of Babeldaob will receive emergency relief supplies within 24 hours of assessments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>270 pre-packaged kits of Non Food Items (NFI's) will be distributed by PRCS teams, according to the assessment data.</li> <li>Any additional needs identified will be determined on a case-by-case basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 129 families received family kits and additional relief items in Koror and Babeldaob. For details, refer to Table 1.</li> <li>A volunteer team remains on stand by to distribute additional kits based on distress calls or other emergency needs identified.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families evacuated from Kayangel State will be provided with initial support to meet their basic welfare needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support will include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supplementary food and water</li> <li>Additional portable toilets, and sanitation kits</li> <li>Clothing and bedding</li> </ul> </li> <li>Staff and volunteers will be stationed within the center to provide ongoing personal support, to receive and distribute any public donations to the families and to identify any outstanding needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the initial registration and assessment by PRCS, the following items were distributed:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 boxes of assorted clothing</li> <li>45 x 6,000ml jugs of water</li> <li>2 portable toilets</li> <li>Hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)</li> <li>Trash bags</li> <li>25 towels</li> <li>6 comforters (thick blankets)</li> <li>Take-away dinner on the first night</li> </ul> </li> <li>Volunteers and staff were placed on rotation at the centre to receive donations and monitor the situation. Most food was donated by the community directly to the shelter.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distress calls received from Koror state will be responded to within 24 hours and relief supplies provided if required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distress calls received by PRCS and assessed as requiring immediate relief will be actioned within 24 hours (or as soon as possible) by PRCS teams on standby.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 call-ins were received and responded to within 24 hours. Since the deactivation of the PRCS EOC on 18 November there have been very few call ins, however a team of four volunteers remains on standby to respond to any further calls.</li> </ul>

## Replenishment, repositioning of relief supplies

<b>Outcome: Replenishment of stock and the return of PRCS to a minimum state of readiness to respond to further disasters during the present typhoon season</b>		
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS warehousing containers are retrofitted to meet storage capacity requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 containers, located near PRCS National Office, will be refurbished and equipped with shelving, logos, electricity and an access path.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A plan and budget has been developed for the refurbishment of the PRCS containers, which will commence once the secured funding comes on-stream.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief materials and family kits will be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief material will be procured in accordance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replenishment activities are an operational requirement of all IFRC/PRCS responses.</li> </ul>

## Replenishment, repositioning of relief supplies

<p>replenished, as per the PRCS stock holding plan for a minimum of 100 families.</p>	<p>with the standards of the International Red Cross Emergency Relief Items Catalogue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items will be stocked and managed in accordance with the PRCS Stock Holding Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A procurement plan has already been developed in accordance with the PRCS Stock Holding Plan and will commence once the secured funding comes on-stream. Many items will be released from the IFRC zone warehouse in Malaysia, and others will be purchased through local or international procurement as determined within the plan.</li> <li>Logistics training will be delivered as part of the CDRT training early in 2014 to strengthen the capacities of PRCS staff and volunteers in stock management.</li> </ul>
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## Monitoring, evaluation and strengthening capacities for future response

<b>Outcome: The impact and effectiveness of the response operation will be monitored and evaluated by PRCS to improve overall preparedness and response capacities.</b>		
<b>Expected results</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS will continue to monitor and adapt the response based on beneficiary feedback.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS teams will receive beneficiary feedback throughout the operation and will adapt the response plan accordingly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS is planning to conduct further interviews with the Kayangel evacuees in the coming days to get a clearer determination of their future needs and plans.</li> <li>Feedback on the relief items and comments on the performance of PRCS as whole has been documented and considered as part of briefings and de-briefings of volunteers and staff throughout the operation.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS will conduct an evaluation of the response with a view to further strengthening preparedness and response capacities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRCS will undertake an internal evaluation process following the completion of the immediate response.</li> <li>The evaluation will be used as a basis for updating and improving the Disaster Management Plan and SOPs as required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial evaluations and feedback from PRCS and IFRC staff and volunteers were held within the first week of the operation and key areas identified for further discussion as part of the revision process for the new Disaster Management Plan.</li> <li>Progress is now underway to integrate this feedback into the draft Disaster Management Plan and to identify needs for the further development of SOPs.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IFRC will provide ongoing technical support to PRCS through existing regional resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IFRC will support the operation through the provision of technical assistance from regionally based staff, who will remain in country for a period of two weeks during the immediate response.</li> <li>Replenishment and capacity building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IFRC Representative to FSM, RMI and Palau finished her mission in Palau on 14 November to continue her missions in the region. The Australian Red Cross volunteer and staff from Micronesia Red Cross Society returned to Micronesia to continue their training mission on 16 November. The remaining IFRC Regional DM Delegate completed his mission on 23 November.</li> <li>The IFRC Representative and DM Delegate remain supporting PRCS from a distance, with</li> </ul>



## Monitoring, evaluation and strengthening capacities for future response

	activities will be supported for the duration of the operation by the IFRC Pacific Regional Office.	follow up visits planned in the new year.
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## Coordination and partnerships

### Coordination with Government

PRCS has participated in meetings of the National Emergency Committee (NEC) and provided updates on the situation and its activities. Through existing agreements, PRCS has provided communications equipment (VHF base stations, VHF hand held radios and satellite phones) to government departments to facilitate communications in emergencies. PRCS and IFRC also attended two meetings in the President's Office with the President, Ministers and senior staff, to clarify the role and scope of PRCS response capacities and discuss the contributions of international partners.

As of 18 November, both the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) and the PRCS Emergency Operations Center were officially deactivated. On 27 November the NEC finalised an Immediate and Near Term Response Plan identifying the ongoing needs and recovery plans for the coming 3-12 months. The plan identifies the most urgent needs are to restore safe water on Kayangel, provide transitional shelter for those families whose homes have been completely destroyed (particularly for those remaining/returning to Kayangel), and the reconstruction/repair of homes, schools, medical facilities and public buildings. Total financial requirements identified are USD 9.7 million (approx. CHF 8.7 mil) and the Government of Palau has been actively seeking contributions from international partners to support these efforts.

PRCS has been identified as a partner in a number of areas within the response plan, including emergency shelter and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene). Due to limited capacities on the ground, PRCS has only committed to supporting emergency response activities such as continuing the provision of emergency relief supplies in response to distress calls, and distributing donated food and other items to the families from Kayangel who remain housed in the government facility of Bai ra Seisang, until such time as a clear and detailed transitional shelter and reconstruction plan is developed for Kayangel.

### Coordination with other partners

PRCS has been sharing information about its response efforts to the public as well as in-country and external partners through a variety of forums. The Chairman of PRCS has made several radio broadcasts describing their activities and requesting donations of food and relief supplies be delivered to its national office for preparation and distribution to families in need. The IFRC has supported the preparation of situation updates, DMIS reports and Information Bulletins for international partners, including UN, government donors and the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. PRCS has been engaging with other donors in country, such as JICA, the US Embassy and USAID, as well as exchanging information with the UNDP representative in Palau.

## Funding and in-kind contributions

PRCS has been receiving in-kind contributions from members of the public in the form of food, water, non-food items and an additional loaned vehicle. PRCS, Australian Red Cross and IFRC released funds to enable the immediate mobilisation of volunteers, transport and the procurement of additional relief items in order to avoid delays in distribution. Australian Red Cross continues to monitor the response to see where they may be able to provide additional assistance. New Zealand Red Cross activated four satellite phone SIMs and have pledged their ongoing support and technical assistance for communications equipment such as VHF radios and satellite phones. This support will continue as required and is also a part of longer-term preparedness plan. The US Government, through USAID/OFDA, has pledged USD 100,000 (approx. CHF 90,582) to the IFRC, to support the implementation of the PRCS Plan of Action.

There are no plans to launch an international appeal for assistance.

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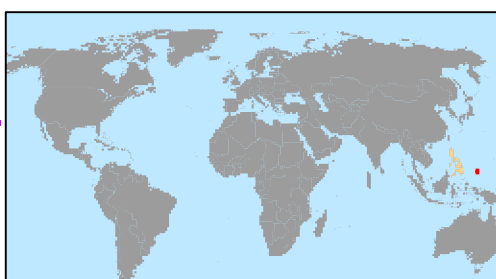
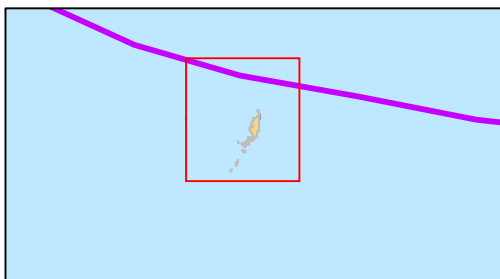
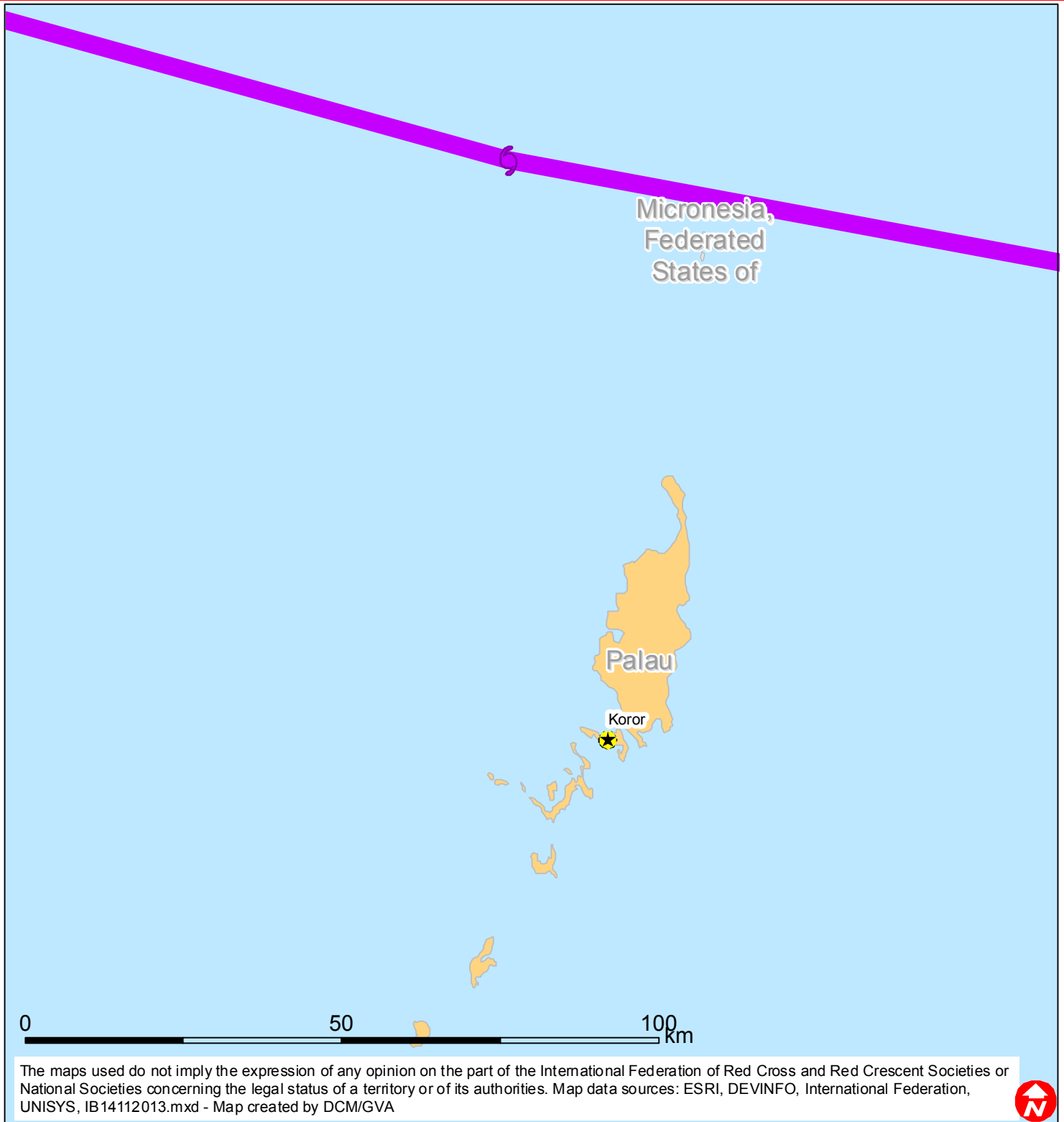


The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.



# Palau: Typhoon Haiyan



 Haiyan's path