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**One La Salle Relief Drive: Yolanda (Haiyan).** The Brothers and the Lasallian Family of the Lasallian East Asia District and the Sector of the Philippines are deeply grateful to all the Brothers, Lasallian institutions, and Districts from all over the world for their words of encouragement, prayers and pledges of donations for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan (*locally named in the Philippines as typhoon “Yolanda”*).

We mentioned in LEAD Story 123 that this Category 5 Typhoon is one of the strongest storms observed in world history. This year 2013 alone, the Philippines has experienced an unusual number of over 20 typhoons already but days of preparation and massive evacuations could not prevent the devastation wrought by Typhoon Haiyan's strong winds and storm surges sweeping coastal towns of several islands. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates about 9.8 million people are affected and more than 10,000 feared dead.

The Sector of the Philippines has organised a disaster relief and rehabilitation operations called “One La Salle Relief Drive: Yolanda (Haiyan)”. Monetary donations can be made through:

**Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) Bank**

Account Name : De La Salle Brothers, Inc. - Yolanda

Peso Account : 1296-714778

US Dollar Account: 8296-001156

Swift Code for Dollar Account: RCBC PHMM

For tracking and monitoring purposes, donors are requested to send a scanned or photo copy of the deposit slip through e-mail: [bee.cruz@delasalle.ph](mailto:bee.cruz@delasalle.ph) or fax: +632 721 5049

All 16 Lasallian Educational Institutions in the Philippines are coordinating their disaster response operations through De La Salle Philippines (DLSP). They have identified the **University of Saint La Salle** (USLS) in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental to be the main relief centre. DLSP will be sending to USLS the donations received.

The location of USLS is very strategic given that the Sector's priority areas for relief operations are “Sagay” and “Cadiz” in Negros Occidental, “Bantayan” in Cebu, and “Estancia” in Iloilo. These areas are not as publicised in the news like Tacloban City in Leyte and other parts of Samar but are equally in need of relief goods. Currently, DLSP is also coordinating with communities in “Guiuan” in Eastern Samar, the area where Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) made its first land fall.

We have yet to receive more precise information as to how long will relief be needed. We expect that this will take some time since those drastically affected have lost their homes and that the evacuation centres will be their only

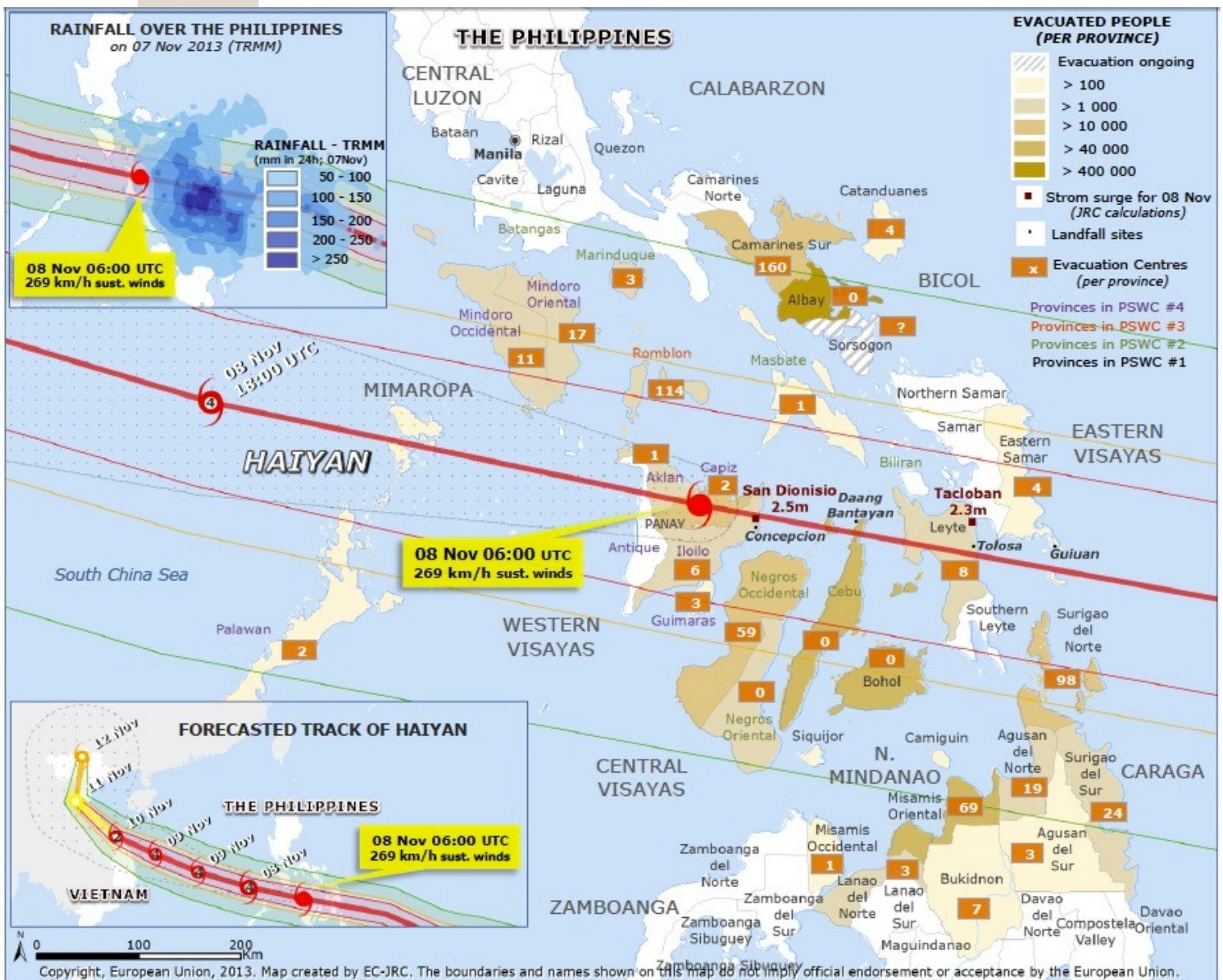


refuge for now. For the rehabilitation phase, DLSP is looking at rebuilding the public schools in the affected areas in coordination with the Department of Education of the Philippines.

Information on the relief efforts can be found in the De La Salle Philippines website:  
<http://delasalle.ph/news/2013/11/10/one-la-salle-relief-drive-yolanda>

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## SUPER TYPHOON HAIYAN

locally known  
as Yolanda

Haiyan hit the Philippines on November 8th as a category five storm with maximum sustained winds of 235 kilometres an hour as well as wind gusts at 275 km/h - one of the most powerful ever recorded anywhere in the world.

**9.8**  
MILLION



PEOPLE  
AFFECTED



**659,268**  
DISPLACED



**394,494** people  
inside



**1,316** evacuation  
centres



**10+**  
THOUSAND  
FEARED  
DEAD



First landfall in the early morning of 8 November in **Guiuan, Eastern Samar province** with maximum sustained winds of 235 km/h and wind gusts at 275 km/h. Haiyan made subsequent landfalls in **Tolosa south of Tacloban City, Leyte province, Daanbantayan and Bantayan Island, Cebu province, Conception, Iloilo province and Busuanga, Palawan province.**



Tacloban, the provincial capital of the central island of Leyte, is believed to have been among the worst hit, when storm surges swept away trees, trucks and houses throughout the city of 220,000 people.



TACLOBAN CITY STILL HAS NO FOOD, WATER AND NO ELECTRICITY.

**#Haiyan #YolandaPH**

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