

### Background

Following the devastating Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda), which ravaged the Philippines on 08 November 2013, the Logistics Cluster has been activated to support the humanitarian community in their efforts to deliver life-saving relief items to 14.1 million people, in nine regions across the Philippines. 4.1 million people remain displaced across the country with the majority residing in the in the worst-affected provinces of Eastern Samar, Leyte, Oriental Mindoro, Masbate, Sorsogon, Negros, Capiz, Romblon and Busuanga in Palawan.

Humanitarian coordination centres have been established in Tacloban City (Leyte), Roxas City (Capiz), Ormoc, and Guiuan, and immediate needs have been confirmed as emergency shelter, food and water and sanitation.

### Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

The geographical area affected by the Typhoon is extensive and includes multiple islands, increasing the potential for logistics constraints on operations. Commercial warehousing in general remains limited in the affected areas, due to destruction of existing capacity and increased needs for warehouse space from the humanitarian community. Logistics Cluster mobile storage units are therefore required for an initial period in addition to assessments and some repairs of existing warehouses for longer term storage needs.

Limited commercial road transport and shipping capacity has presented some difficulties for the humanitarian organizations in the initial phase and trucking augmentation have taken place in key locations. From Cebu to the affected islands shipping has been limited to some ports and a common service established. Further assessments of the commercial transport market (shipping and trucking) are needed.

### Objectives

The foremost objective of the Logistics Cluster in the Philippines is to support the Government-led response by coordinating with International and National NGOs, the UN system and the Private Sector, in order to optimize logistics efforts, and hence, the delivery of various humanitarian assistance programmes.

This objective will be met through execution of the following activities in response to the typhoon:

***The following services will be made available to the humanitarian community until 15 February 2014.***

#### **1. Coordination:**

In order to facilitate a unified response effort on behalf of the humanitarian community, the following coordination services will be provided to minimise duplication of logistics activities during the response:

Logistics Cluster Coordination Cells are established in Cebu, Roxas, Tacloban, Ormoc, Guiuan to support overall coordination of the Logistics Cluster operation in the Philippines. Regular Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings will be held with partners in all these locations and Manila for the purpose of: briefing on, updating, and revising operational plans as needed;

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Information Sharing; Analysis of existing and emerging logistics Gaps & Bottlenecks.

### 2. Information Management:

The following Information Management (IM) activities will be undertaken by the Logistics Cluster in the interest of promoting and facilitating the sharing of logistics information among all organisations conducting response operations. To ensure an efficient and effective response by the humanitarian community, the Logistics Cluster will collect, consolidate, and share information related to on-going activities, key infrastructure, important procedures, such as customs, access constraints, and available storage and transport capacity in the affected areas.

### 3. Logistics Services:

The services made available by the Logistics Cluster are not intended to replace the logistics capacities of the agencies or organisations, but rather to supplement them through the provision of common services. Access permitting, the following services may be provided at no cost to the user, depending on the availability of funds:

- **Temporary Storage and tracking:** is providing temporary storage space to humanitarian organizations in the key locations of Tacloban, Guiuan, Ormoc, Roxas and Cebu, with the capacity to scale up rapidly if needed. Cargo stored or moved through the Logistics Cluster will be tracked using the Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA).
- **Sea Transport:** A common shipping service is being made available for the movement of humanitarian cargo. Destinations are based on need and have included locations on Panay, Bantayan, Leyte and Samar islands.
- **Road Transport:** To augment the transport capacity, 10 dedicated trucks are available in Roxas for inter-agency cargo movement.

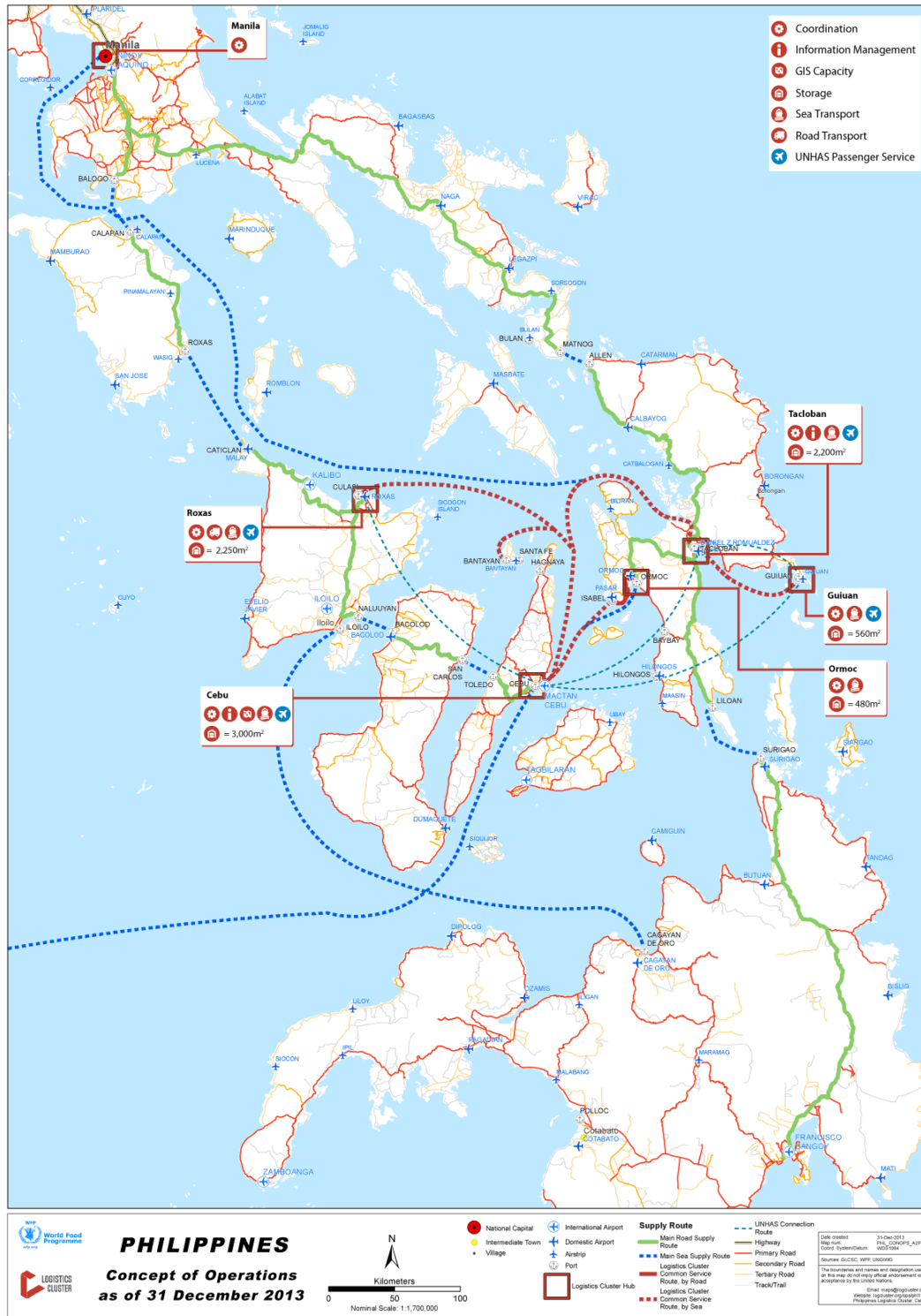
### 4. Collaboration with the Government:

The Logistics Cluster continues to support the Department for Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in their emergency response. Trucks are being provided to the DSWD in Tacloban to support their distribution activities across Leyte. Mobile Storage Units have also been made available for DSWD in Tacloban for the storage of relief cargo. In partnership with the Logistics Emergency Team (LET), the Logistics Cluster is providing technical expertise on warehousing, handling equipment, and Health & Safety trainings to the government.

***As “Provider of Last Resort” WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, is responsible only for providing logistics services that fill identified gaps in logistics capacity, where access and funding permit and where these gaps limit the ability of the humanitarian community to meet the needs of the affected population.***

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### Annex I ConOps Map



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