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The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations

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Irish donations to aid agencies for the Philippines Typhoon at €4 million

Irish aid agencies urge the public to continue their generous support

Dóchas, the umbrella organisation of Ireland's overseas development organisations, today revealed that donations from the Irish public to relief efforts in the Philippines have reached €4 million.

"The devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines has not gone unnoticed in Ireland. Every donation is making a difference to people in desperate need. The people of Ireland have once again shown their generosity in the face of human suffering," said Hans Zomer, Director of Dóchas.

However with over 14 million people affected, 1.2 million housed damaged or destroyed, and more than 3 million men, women and children displaced and in need of aid, the humanitarian situation in areas devastated by the typhoon is still catastrophic.

"Rebuilding is a long term effort and we would urge the Irish people to continue to donate so our member agencies can reach the people who are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and medical supplies. We would also ask the public to check the website howyoucanhelp.ie, which is hosted by Irish aid agencies, for information on how to help the people affected in the Philippines" continued Zomer.

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NOTES FOR THE EDITOR

1. Dóchas is the Irish association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations. It provides a forum for consultation and cooperation between its 51 members, and helps them speak with a single voice on development issues. For more information, visit: www.dochas.ie

2. Several Dóchas member organisations are working to provide humanitarian assistance in the Philippines in the aftermath of the typhoon. These include:

- Christian Aid Ireland
- Concern Worldwide
- Irish Red Cross
- Oxfam Ireland
- Plan Ireland
- UNICEF Ireland
- World Vision Ireland
- Trócaire
- SERVE
- Habitat Ireland
- CBM Ireland
- Tearfund Ireland
- ChildFund

Other NGOs working in the Philippines include:

- Goal
- Medicins San Frontiers
- Disaster Tech Lab
- Bóthar

3. Statistics on the situation in the Philippines can be found at:

<http://www.unocha.org/crisis/typhoonhaiyan>

4. www.HowYouCanHelp.ie is a dedicated information website, outlining the key principles of effective disaster relief developed by Dóchas member organisations

5. Dóchas produced a detailed [briefing](#) on how Irish aid agencies respond to the Philippines Typhoon

6. Dóchas has a 2-page briefing paper on disaster relief: See

http://www.dochas.ie/Shared/Files/2/Emergencies_Helping_People_Back_from_the_Brink.pdf

7. A list of Dóchas members can be found at: <http://www.dochas.ie/members/>