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***Forced labour in agriculture – the
challenge of modern slavery for food
production focus - Philippines***

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The Problem

‘More people are enslaved today than ever before. They are not in shackles or on plantations. People are coerced into employment and then have no freedom to leave. They have no place to go. They are told they are worthless, and are moved from one place to another’

Dr Lucy Steinitz, Catholic Relief Services (2015)



Outline

- Philippines - Yolanda
- Post Disaster trafficking – Philippines
- Understanding the perpetrators
- Lessons learned
- Planning for the future



HADR* Research Philippines

- Interviews with NGOs, IOs and Philippine Government Departments, April 2015
- Lessons from Typhoon Yolanda and future preparation



* *Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response*

Philippines

- Child trafficking
- 75-100,000 victims
- Metro-Manila focussed



Impacts of Natural Disaster

- November 2013
- Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan)
- Cat 5
- 6300 dead
- 1061 missing
- 28,689 injured
- 1.9 million homeless
- 6,000,000 displaced.



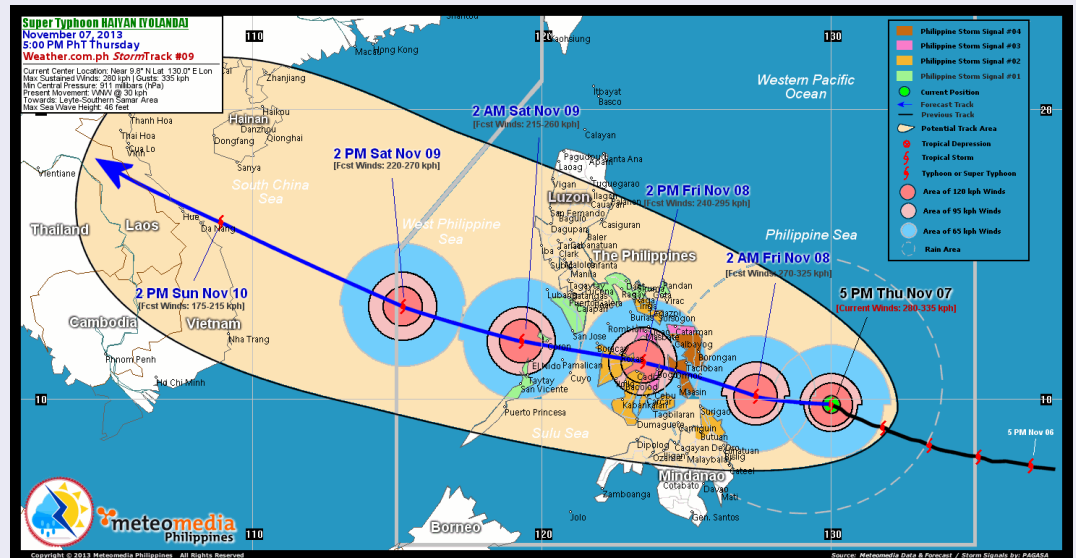
Yolanda - Greater than a Physical Loss

- Loss of Governance
- Loss of Family structure
- Loss of societal cohesion
- Loss of income – economic opportunity



Impacts of Disaster

- Breakdown in law and order
- Increased sexual violence
- Freedom of movement for criminals



Established NGO Actions on 'Trafficking' Alert in HADR

- Registration
- Child friendly spaces
- Donors



Yolanda - Disaster Derived Criminal Opportunity (DDCO)

- Active recruitment into 'bar work'
- Active recruitment as 'agricultural labour'*
- Male as well as Female
- Sugar industry
- Effectively Bonded labour



Understanding the Perpetrators

- Traffickers are flexible and adaptable
- They are market aware
- Not just the obvious routes
- Gender
- All about \$



Lessons Learned

- Need greater awareness of organised criminal activities in disaster scenarios
- - who is an aid worker? NGO?
- Need for early re-establishment of Rule of Law
- NGO child friendly space policy*
- Need to educate police, emergency responders
- Need to educate military
- Need to educate external military assistance (CIMIC)



Planning for the future

- Development of livelihoods – male and female
- Resilience
- Education & awareness
- Civ-Mil cooperation – oversight, intelligence, communication
- Supply chain transparency - *certification*





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