

Appeal to aid Cooperatives in the Philippines affected by Typhoons!



A team from Leyte II Electric Cooperative in Tacloban City prepares for deployment to Bicol Region Tuesday (Nov. 3, 2020). Electric cooperatives in Eastern Visayas have sent 100 linemen to help in the immediate restoration of power in the typhoon-hit Bicol Region. (Photo courtesy of Leyeco II)

Dear members,

The Philippines was recently struck by two devastating typhoons, Typhoon Ulysses (international name: Vamco) and Typhoon Rolly (international name: Goni). Coming on the heels of each other, the typhoons hit Luzon, the Philippine's most populous and largest island. The series of storms (more are expected in December) are hitting the communities hard which are already reeling under the effects of the deadly COVID-19 Pandemic.

According to the Philippines Cooperative Center, the apex body in the Philippines, *"Floodwaters virtually submerged most parts of the Metropolis and other provinces – both in the South and in the North – that went to as high as beyond three (03) storeys in some areas. Some houses were washed away, and many vehicles got turned upside down by the rushing muddy waters. Even posh subdivisions with high concrete walls were not spared; with some of those walls coming down. Lifetime savings on furniture and appliances also got figuratively washed away with the flood waters. Following the onslaught of the floods, many houses were left bare, with only thick mud left as a dismal reminder of the catastrophe."*

Our members in the Philippines are raising funds to assist cooperatives and communities in the hard-hit areas. They seek your support to not only to help members but also the staff to make sure they can bounce back to keep their cooperatives operational. Please send your donations to "2020 Philippines Typhoon Support," and direct them to the following bank account:



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