

# Case study – Operational support

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## Philippines Typhoon Response 2009

In the Philippines, the priority for WFP, as the global Logistics Cluster lead, was to address the urgent need for logistics support for the delivery of relief items to the most affected populations, particularly in areas cut off by flooding and landslides which could only be reached by air. In support of cluster participants, WFP established common transport services (air, boat and surface transport) for the movement of urgent relief cargo and provided coordination and information management support for the government and humanitarian community.

Four days after the first tropical storm hit, the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell housed in the WFP Logistics Division in Rome deployed a logistics liaison officer to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Operations Centre in Manila, the main government body responsible for overseeing the emergency response. Over the course of the operation, 11 inter-agency staff from the UN, NGOs and standby partners were deployed as members of the Logistics Cluster team, under the leadership of WFP.