



# Communiqué

## CDF responds to Philippines tropical storm

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The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF) is reaching out to co-operatives and credit unions across Canada to solicit financial support in aid of families affected by a tropical storm that struck the Philippines over the weekend. At last count, more than 927 people were dead, many were still missing, and tens of thousands displaced.

For more information on the latest news out of the affected areas, please visit:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/story/2011/12/19/philippines-flood-disaster.html>

Much of the damage was centred around Cagayan de Oro on the southern Island of Mindanao. This is an area well known to CDF and its development partner, the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) where we have worked with credit union and insurance partners for more than 20 years. Currently, our partner in this area of the Philippines is RIMANSI, a micro-insurance member-owned organization.

CDF is launching an appeal to support CCA's partner organization in the Philippines. The money raised will be directed to an emergency fund and distributed to those in greatest need.

While we are getting ready to celebrate this special time of year with our loved ones, please help those who are facing a future of uncertainty.

To support the affected co-ops in the Philippines through CDF's **Philippines Relief Fund**, CDF is now accepting donations via cheque, credit card, or mail. Donate online at [www.cdfcanada.coop](http://www.cdfcanada.coop) or by mail at Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada, 275 Bank Street, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 2L6. Please indicate that your donation is designated for the **Philippines Relief Fund**.

For more information, please phone or email Julie Breuer, CDF Director of Fundraising & Operations, at [julie.breuer@coopscanada.coop](mailto:julie.breuer@coopscanada.coop) (613) 238-6711 ext.215

*The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF) is the charity of choice for Canadian co-ops and credit unions. CDF raises money to support the development of co-operatives and credit unions in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Co-operatives and credit unions have proven to be effective tools in helping poor people work their way out of poverty. The money raised by CDF is primarily used by the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), in its efforts to reduce poverty around the world. CCA is a national association representing co-operatives and credit unions in Canada.*