



HEU commits \$25,000 to relief efforts in Philippines

A message to HEU members

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

HEU commits \$25,000 to Typhoon Haiyan relief

We all learned over the weekend of the scale of devastation in the Philippines resulting from Typhoon Haiyan.

The high winds and storm surges resulting from the November 8 landfall of the super typhoon have wiped out entire villages on several islands in the central Philippines. Virtually every community in the storm's track has been impacted.

Early estimates indicate that more than 10,000 Filipinos may have lost their lives as a result, and at least three-quarters of a million people have been displaced in what is developing into a major humanitarian crisis.

The scale of this disaster is beyond comprehension for most of us.

But for the many thousands of Hospital Employees' Union members who have roots and family in the Philippines, this is an especially difficult time.

On behalf of the HEU Provincial Executive, we want to express our solidarity and support to these members and their families.

And we urge all HEU members to consider lending their support to one of the many international organizations that are providing urgent relief in the wake of this disaster.

You may be aware that any donations that individuals make before December 9 will be matched by the Government of Canada.

Today, HEU has committed \$25,000 to relief efforts in the Philippines. Our donation will be made to Oxfam Canada, an organization that has long ties to the labour movement.

Oxfam's teams are already on the ground in the Philippines and are putting a priority on providing clean water, safe sanitation and shelter to victims of the typhoon.

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We hope you will consider making a contribution to Oxfam Canada, the Red Cross, or one of the many other organizations that have sprung into action to address the crisis in the Philippines.

In solidarity,



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