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EU allocates € 700,000 to support the emergency response and provide relief to the families affected by floods in 7 regions of the Philippines

The European Union is allocating € 700,000 to support the emergency response and provide relief to the families affected by floods in the Philippines during the past week.

Mr Lubomir Frebort, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the EU Delegation to the Philippines, said that the European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response announced the release of aid following the report of the assessment team's visit to the affected areas.

He added: "The funds will be used primarily for distribution of relief items, water and sanitation, debris clean-up, food assistance, shelter support and medical aid. Over 127,000 vulnerable people in need of urgent assistance are expected to directly benefit from this funding".

The latest allocation of the emergency funds to the Philippines is a reaffirmation of the European Union's commitment to provide humanitarian aid to families affected by both natural and man-made disasters.

Last year, the European Commission provided € 7.6 million of humanitarian assistance to families affected by typhoons Pedring, Quiel and tropical storm Sendong.

An additional € 3.55 million of humanitarian aid was provided in March 2012 to support the recovery efforts in Sendong-affected areas. Overall, the EU was the largest humanitarian aid provider for victims of storm Sendong.

The European Commission has been supporting community-based affected disaster preparedness projects in the Philippines, allocating more than € 5.6 million over the past six years.