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### The Philippines: Welthungerhilfe sends emergency response team

**Bonn, 11.11.2013.** The Welthungerhilfe is sending two experienced members of the emergency response team to the Philippines to support local partner organisations in essential preparations for the aid measures. Together with local staff, they will attempt to reach rural areas on the islands of Negros and Panay in the western Philippines. These islands remain extremely difficult to access and are unlikely to have received any aid yet. "We want to gain an overview of which aid is needed most urgently as quickly as possible. This will help us to avoid aid being focused on individual towns. Working together with local partners is the best way for us to ensure that our aid arrives effectively", emphasised Birgit Zeitler, emergency aid expert prior to her departure.

During the course of the week, additional experts in fields including logistics will be dispatched to support the coordination of the aid measures. The Welthungerhilfe has many years of experience in emergency support in the aftermath of large catastrophes such as in Haiti or following the tsunami.

As part of the Development Helps Alliance, the Welthungerhilfe is calling for donations for the victims of the devastating typhoon in the Philippines.

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