

TNT/Agility/UPS LET

Within the framework of the World Economic Forum, TNT, Agility and UPS forgot business competition and joined together to support the humanitarian sector with emergency response logistics in the case of large-scale natural disasters. The companies have pooled logistics expertise, human resources, and in-kind services to be made available to support the relief community when disaster strikes.



Logistics Emergency Teams (LETs) intervene over the first crucial three to six weeks following a natural disaster, providing logistics specialists, assets (e.g. warehouses, trucks, forklifts) and transportation services.

LETs operate in countries where the member companies already have a base, taking advantage of their knowledge of local infrastructure and constraints to increase the speed and efficiency of aid distribution. Deployment of these teams and assets takes place in coordination with WFP in its role as Global Logistics Cluster lead.

In response to the catastrophic flooding in the Philippines caused by Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma, an LET was activated under the direction of a logistics coordinator from UPS. As of Monday, October 12th, five trucks were deployed with drivers and assistants. Following a request from the DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development) for Logistics Cluster support with surface transport, these trucks have been tasked for deliveries to both northern Luzon and Rizal and Quezon in the south to position goods for onward movement by road or air.



The Philippines LET provided one 300 m² and one 500 m² warehouse space for short-term interagency use, as well as staff for warehouse management. Personnel have also been made available to assist in the DSWD National Resource Operations Center (NROC) warehouses and support the dispatch of goods from these facilities. While Agility support ended on November 10 as per the initial contract, UPS has extended its support until the end of November with three light trucks, one warehouse, and staff remaining available to serve the operation.

For additional information please refer to the Logistics Cluster Web page: <http://www.logcluster.org/ph109a>.