MeteoGroup

The Weather Philippines Foundation

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Who we are

...In 2015, MeteoGroup is a leading full-service, global weather business with:

- Operations in 15 countries
- 450 staff including 150 meteorologists
- Services provided in local languages
- 24/7/365 availability
- ISO 9001:2008 Multi Site certificate







Extreme Weather













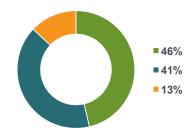
→ increase of global extreme weather situations, conclusions by IPCC



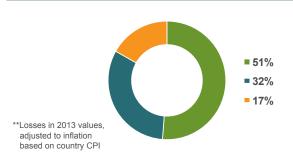


Meteorological disasters by type of event, 1980-2013

18,200 Loss events

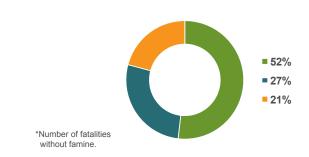


Overall losses** US\$ 3,200bn

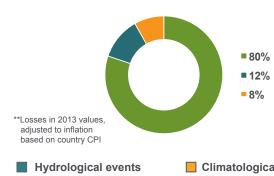


Meteorological events (Tropical storm, extratropical storm, convective storm, local storm)

840,000 Fatalities*



Insured losses** US\$ 900bn



Hydrological events
(Flood, mass
movement)

Climatological events
(Extreme temperature, drought, forest fire)

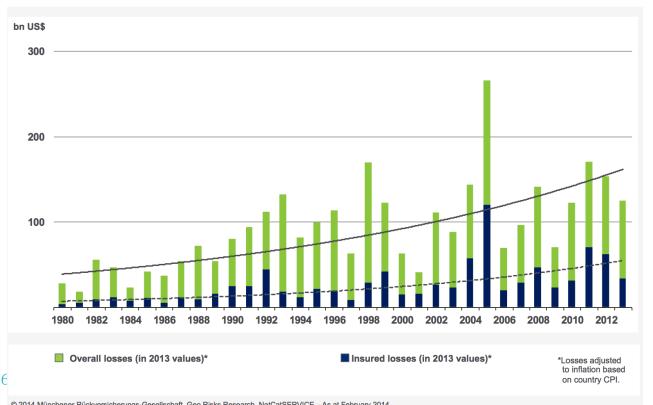


Trend of global meteorological disasters, 1980-2013

NatCatSERVICE

Weather-related loss events worldwide 1980 – 2013 Overall and insured losses







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Example: Philippines

- Every year the Philippines are affected by 20-30 tropical storms or typhoons. Heavy rain driven by monsoons brings additional severe weather situations.
- Weather and climate-related disasters cost the Philippines an average of USD 240.7 million a year.*
- Super Typhoon Yolanda 3rd to 11th November 2013
 - peak wind gusts 315 km/h
 - death toll 5260 (official)



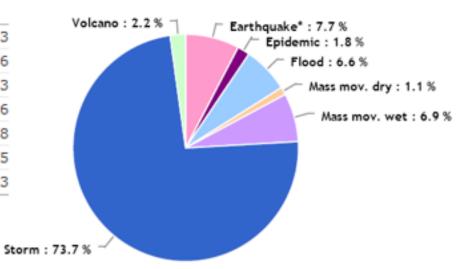
^{*}according to a study covering 20 years of disasters (1990-2009), published November 2010 by state-owned think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)

Situation in the Philippines: natural disasters

Natural Disasters from 1980 - 2010

Overview

No of events:	363
No of people killed:	32,956
Average killed per year:	1,063
No of people affected:	116,212,416
Average affected per year:	3,748,788
Ecomomic Damage (US\$ X 1,000):	7,417,145
Ecomomic Damage per year (US\$ X 1,000):	239,263

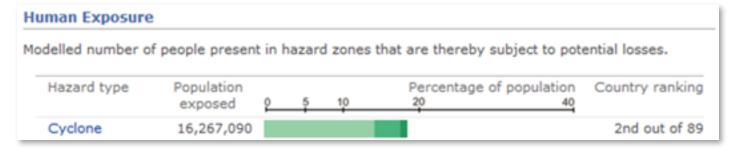


Data related to human and economic losses from disasters that have occurred between 1980 and 2010. Source: http://www.preventionweb.net





Situation in the Philippines: risks







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Initial Situation in the Philippines: Meteorology



Before MeteoGroup's project:

- less than 100 of the national weather service's weather stations were online.
- forecasts were only published once per day and for regions instead of specific locations.
- the Philippines have thousands of islands, 800 of them are occupied.



Situation in the Philippines: Meteorology

NEW:

- Weather.Philippines Foundation, Inc. is a new public weather services for the Philippines.
- Initial Funding from the Aboitiz Foundation and Union Bank: US\$2.9Million
- The Weather. Philippines Foundation, provided by MeteoGroup Philippines, in cooperation with the League of the Provinces of the Philippines, aims to make precise weather forecasts and severe weather warnings available to the public.











Partnerships Established

Donors:

PLATINUM. Additional financing for at least 10-years (US\$500K over 10yrs each):









GOLD.

Anvaya Cove, SN Aboitiz Power, Hedcor, Davao Light, Ocean Adventure, Syngenta, etc...

League of Provinces of the Philippines

Installation of 80 Automated Weather Stations (AWS) in Provincial Capitols nationwide



League of Cities of the Philippines

Installation of 130 Automated Weather Stations (AWS) Cities





Weather. Philippines sets up 1000 weather stations

The MeteoGroup Approach:

No reliable forecasts without local data, no local data without local weather stations.







Automated Weather Station (AWS)

Measures:

- Global/Solar Radiation
- Wind Direction / Speed
- Temperature
- Pressure
- Humidity
- Raid/Precipitation
- Solar Powered with Redundant Li-Poly Batteries
- Transmits data every 10-minutes by SMS/GPRS







AWS deployment/rollout sessions

More than 800 city risk reduction personnel, environmental officers and city engineers from all over the Philippines were trained on AWS installation

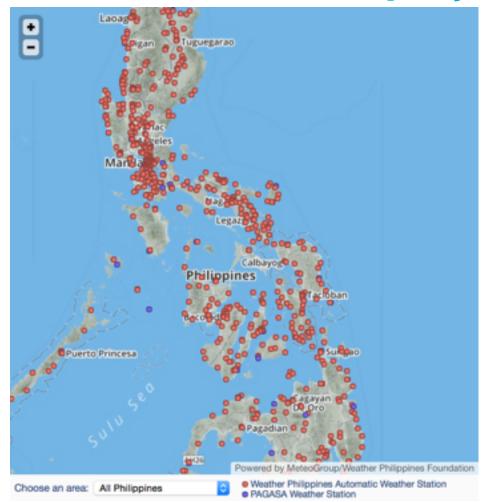








Weather Station Deployment



- Currently approx. 700 AWS deployed
- All provincial capitols covered
- All cities covered
- Other priority Meteorological sites covered





- everything about the weather
- all free services
- detailed weather forecast for each location
- weather forecast movies
- weather TV
- severe weather warnings
- webcams





detailed forecasts:

- 3h resolution
- forecast of all parameters: weather, temperature, humidity, rain, wind
- up to 5 days





weather forecast movies:

wind speed and direction as streamlines



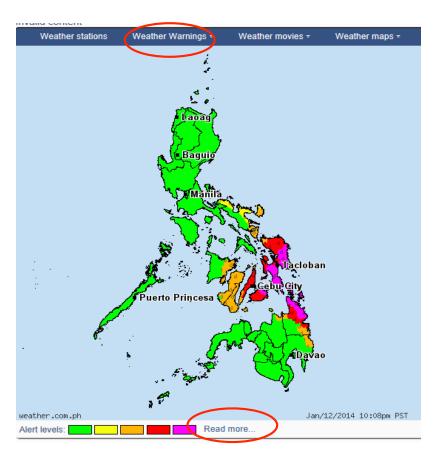


weather forecast movies:

rainfall



Severe Weather Warnings





WEATHER SEVERITY MATRIX

	RAIN	WIND	WARNING	ACTIONS TO TAKE
NORMAL		*	No severe weather warning*	
WEATHER WATCH	Uncertain	Uncertain	Severe weather expected but the intensity and/or affected areas are still uncertain. Monitor situation closely.	
MODERATE	F* 24 hrs: 30-50 mm F* 48 hrs: 60-100 mm	F* 75-100 kph	Moderate severe weather. Be prepared. Expect impacts on traffic and outdoor activities.	
HEAVY	F* 24 hrs: 50-100 mm F* 48 hrs: 100-150 mm	F* 100-130 kph	Severe weather of heavy intensity. Take precautions. Expect heavy traffic and some damage. Consider work suspension.	
EXTREME	F* 24 hrs: 100 or more F* 48 hrs: 150 or more	F* 130 kph or more	Extremely severe weather that poses significant risk to life. Take precautionary actions. Expect widespread damage and follow evacuation orders.	TH

*F = FORECAST



Weather TV with Severe Weather Updates

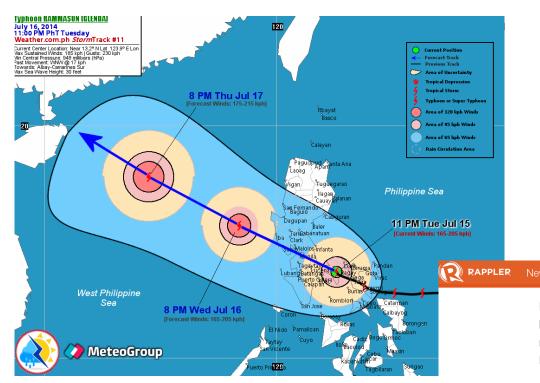


weather TV:

 daily updates with explanations about severe weather situation in local language by "Mr. Typhoon" David Michael V. Padua, Senior Typhoon Specialist at MeteoGroup Philippines



Communication Initiatives



- Provided regular updates on www.weather.com.ph, Facebook and Twitter Accounts
- Updates were also used by Rappler

Business

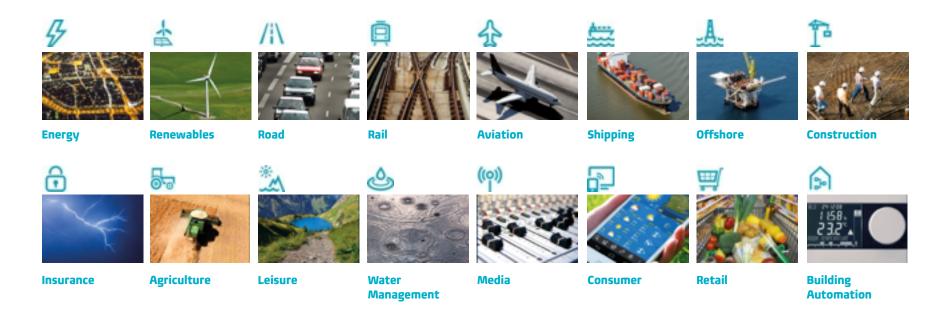
Independent weather monitoring agency Weather Philippines said moderate to heavy rains (30 to 55 mm) will likely fall in certain areas in Bicol from Tuesday morning to Wednesday morning. These areas are: Catanduances; Camarines Norte; the towns of Caramoan, Garchitorena and Siruma in Camarines Sur.

Life & Style

PAGASA forecasted that Glenda will be near Infanta, Quezon on Wednesday morning then near Iba, Zambales on Thursday morning.

Glenda is expected to make landfall in Quezon province on Wednesday, July 16. – Rappler.com

MeteoGroup services for B2B private sectors



MeteoGroup services for B2B private sectors



- tailor-made customer solutions
- optimized risk management
- planning certainty (work force management/material)
- extensive weather information
- Example: ICTSI International Container Terminal Services, Inc., based in Manila:
 - global port operator
 - use web based "weather-cockpit" as a tool for risk management & planning (strong wind, severe weather, wave heights, etc.)



Sustainability: Private Partnerships

Service Partners:

- Cebu Pacific for free flights and hosting of 26 AWS and 9 lightning detectors
- Rappler for information dissemination
- Kenrich Int'l (Primer Group) for LGU capacity building on disaster response and provision of 100k worth of uniforms
- iAcademy for website and mobile app development (ongoing)
- Globe Telecom, Inc. for the sponsorship of 400 sim cards
- Pisig Worldwide for email blasting of weather alerts
- GeiserMaclang for LGU capacity building (Crisis Comms/Business Continuity





Empowering the world to master the weather