

Russia Sends 2 Planes With Medical Aid to Typhoon-Hit Philippines

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One of two Il-76 planes equipped with a mobile hospital being loaded up before its journey to the Philippines.

Russia has sent two planes carrying medical aid to the Philippines as the world acts to help the typhoon-ravaged Southeast Asian nation.

The Il-76 planes are carrying doctors, rescuers and psychologists to support relief efforts in the Philippines, said Oleg Voronov, deputy head of the Emergency Situations Ministry's crisis center.

The UN will send \$25 million in aid to help the country deal with the aftermath of the typhoon, one of the strongest storms on record, the organization's head said Monday.

A total of 23 countries, including the United States, China and EU states, have offered humanitarian assistance and financial aid, the Philippines' Foreign Ministry said Monday.

The Philippines has declared a state of national disaster after Typhoon Haiyan, known locally as Yolanda, swept across the country Friday, devastating towns and cities.

According to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the typhoon has affected nearly 9.8 million people and displaced an estimated 660,000 people. Local officials say some 10,000 people might have been killed on the hardest-hit Leyte island.

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