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Double Disaster Requires Pembrokeshire Prayers

In the last week more than 600 people have been killed after a typhoon struck the southern Philippines; while 1,000 families are facing hardship in Angola after serious flooding.

Tearfund report hours of continuous rain unleashed flooding which left tens of thousands of people homeless on the island of Mindanao, with the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan particularly badly affected in the Philippines. Across the Ocean flooding affected 5,000 people near the Angolan border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Tearfund partners are making crucial responses supporting those affected by these two tragedies and they need our support: "Food, water and basic essentials such as clothes, blankets and cooking utensils are likely to be urgently needed initially, a quick response is crucial" says Tearfund Voluntary Media Officer, Sharron Hardwick.

In Angola, Tearfund partner Igreja Evangelica Reformada de Angola – (Evangelical Reformed Church of Angola) is assessing the scale of the damage and humanitarian need through its network of local congregations. Dickon Crawford, Tearfund's Country Representative, urged people to pray for those affected by the floods and for Tearfund partner IERA as it seeks to respond to those in need and makes representations on their behalf to the provincial authorities.

"In these tragic disasters we need Pembrokeshire to pray. Please pray for people who are grieving the loss of family and friends, those living with terrifying uncertainty, wondering whether their family members are still alive. Remember those who have lost their homes and livelihoods; that they will find the help they need to rebuild their lives." continues Sharron.

Tearfund believe it will be a long time before people in these communities feel they have rebuilt their lives. They pray that they have the equipment and the

help they need to 'build better', to make sure that any future floods have less devastating impact.

Tearfund's ten-year vision is to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches. Part of this vision is seen through Tearfund's Disaster Fund. "No one can know when the next disaster will strike, the first 48 hours are crucial. Gifts towards the Disaster Fund help Tearfund have resources ready when disaster strikes. Together we can make a difference." concludes Sharron.

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