

Relief Effort Underway for Typhoon Victims

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A second typhoon has hit the Philippines, taking lives and homes and destroying crops right before harvest time.

In Kodiak there's an effort underway to provide support for the victims of the devastating storms. Mary Guilas-Hawver is one of those working to provide relief. She says that not knowing about family members is the worst part.

-- (Typhoon 1 "Its hard cause ... more after that. ")

The situation in the Philippines has been compared to the circumstances surrounding hurricane Katrina in the U.S.

-- (Typhoon 2 "The Philippine ... mostly appreciated.")

The second

storm hit one week after the first. A week ago, Typhoon Ketsana dropped record rainfall on Manila and nearby provinces.. Almost 300 people died at that time, mostly by drowning. Some areas are still flooded and more floods could result from Monday's storm. Nearly 900,000 people have been evacuated from their homes.

-- (Typhoon 3 "There are a lot ... in the Philippines.")

The storms are expected to hover for a few days, increasing the threat of damage by landslides and more flooding. With the storms still threatening, Filipino communities around the world are rallying to help. Guilas-Hawver says that's true of the Filipino community in Kodiak as well.

-- (Typhoon 4 "This was brought ... or call us.")

Guilas-Hawver can be reached at 481-2423 or 539-2403. She says that 100 % of the money donated will be sent for relief aid to the people affected by the typhoons.