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## **SEIU: Philippines Need Our Sympathies and Support**

In response to Typhoon Haiyan—which some news outlets have reported it is the most devastating typhoon in history—which swept the Philippine Islands this weekend, SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry and SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin President Dian Palmer issued the following statements:

**SEIU PRESIDENT MARY KAY HENRY:**

“Weather-related disasters are always devastating but particularly heartbreaking and tragic when countless people lose their lives or loved ones. In our ranks are many courageous sisters and brothers from the Philippines. Some have families who live on the islands. I want to personally extend my prayers and to let them know that the SEIU stands with you.

The Nurse Alliance of SEIU was in motion at the first hint of this disaster to lend support, and the SEIU Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance Caucus leadership are discussing a coordinated repose as are SEIU International Executive Board Members on behalf of our Filipino leaders and members across our union. We will share more information about these efforts as it becomes available.”

**SEIU HCWI PRESIDENT DIAN PALMER:**

“We extend our deepest sympathies to those affected by this calamitous event. SEIU is like family, and we do whatever we can to assist our brothers, sisters, and their families in need. We encourage all who are able to reach out to the Red Cross or other entity and donate to help the people of the Philippines get through this horrible tragedy.”

*Multiple charities including the American [Red Cross](#) and UNICEF are accepting donations for immediate response. [For a complete list and to donate to the charity of your choice, this USA Today article has a good list.](#)*

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