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Philippines suffers extensive damage after being hit by multiple typhoons

Caritas Australia's partners are on the ground responding to the immediate needs of hundreds of thousands of people in the aftermath of Typhoon Vamco, which has struck the Philippines only weeks after Typhoon Quinta and Super Typhoon Goni – the most powerful storm this year.

Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines in the wake of Typhoon Vamco, leaving tens of thousands of families trapped without electricity, clean water or road access.

Over 170,000 people have been affected by Typhoon Vamco, with around AUD\$2.8 million of damage to agricultural land which will take years to recover.

Typhoon Vamco comes in the wake of Super Typhoon Goni which affected over 402,000 people, and forced families into evacuation centres where there is greater risk of spreading COVID-19.

Vietnam and Cambodia have also experienced unprecedented rainfall and severe flooding since early October due to the severe storm surges in the Philippines.

Families across the region are in urgent need of food, water, clothing, hygiene kits, sleeping kits and shelter repair materials.

Caritas Australia will funnel support through church and NGO partners on the ground.

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia as they face the combined challenges of typhoons, flooding and COVID-19.

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