## Urgent Action Alert A Relief Drive and Mission for the Victims of Typhoon Ondoy

27 September 2009

Dear friends, sisters and fellow Filipinos,

Typhoon "Ondoy" that hit Metro Manila, Southern Tagalog and Central Luzon, Philippines on Saturday, September 26, 2009 left over 100 persons killed and thousands of people homeless.

The number of affected families across Luzon has swelled to 69, 513 or more than 337,000. The partial total number of evacuees has also reached 11,967 families or about 59,920 people. They are now staying in 118 evacuation centers in Metro Manila and other parts of Luzon. Women, children and elderly people are the most affected. Many people still need to be rescued from the flooded villages. The number of casualties may still rise due to hunger, cold, and diseases if they are not given immediate attention.

Damage to properties is still undetermined. Rushing flood waters in villages hit by Typhoon Ondoy reached rooftops covering bungalow type houses and sweeping away urban poor communities. Those affected did not have time to rescue their belongings but only the soaked clothes they were wearing when the flood waters hit their villages. It will be years before they will be able to rebuild their lives.

The Office of Congresswoman Liza Maza is doing its share in the RELIEF OPERATIONS that are now being conducted in evacuation areas and in many flooded communities. Our constituents are among those affected by typhoon Ondoy. They need food, clothes, blankets, and medicines. Trauma counseling will also be conducted soon.

The Office of Congresswoman Liza Maza and the Gabriela Women's Party is appealing to your kind support for the victims of typhoon Ondoy. We are launching this drive to gather support for the victims of typhoon Ondoy!

Please give your support and save thousands of lives.

For cash/check donations please deposit to:

US Dollar Savings Account: c/o Rosario T. Padilla

Banco de Oro, SM City North EDSA,

Quezon City, Philippines

Savings Account No. 0250931842

Swift Code: BNORPHMM

Philippine Peso Current Account: c/o Rep. Liza Maza

Land Bank of the Philippines, Batasan Branch,

Quezon City, Philippines

Current Account # 3125-0054-61

For clothes, blankets, and medicine, toiletries, please send to:

c/o Office of Gabriela Rep. Liza Maza Gabriela Women's Party Headquarters 118 Scout Rallos St., Barangay Sacred Heart

Quezon City, Philippines

Through our *Bayanihan* (spirit of unity), we hope to contibute to the efforts of all sectors, institutions and individuals in mobilizing resources for the immediate relief of our fellow Filipinos. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

REP. LIZA MAZA Gabriela Women's Party