OUR PRESENT DAY LES MISERABLES WOULD YOU PLEASE LOOK DOWN AND SHOW SOME MERCY? A desperate plea for climate action from displaced Filipinos due to climate-related tragedies

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Remembering the Typhoon Haiyan Tragedy

Super-typhoon Haiyan (or locally known as Yolanda) battered the nation on the 8th of November 2013 **Initial Report** (16.December.2013):

- 12.2 million people (2.6 million families) affected by the disaster
- 9 out of 17 administrative regions of the country affected
- 90% of those affected in regions VI (Western Visayas), VII (Central Visayas) and VIII (Eastern Visayas)
- About 4.4 million people (930,000 families) were displaced, with 400,000 people housed in more than 1,500 evacuation centers

Source: NEDA (2013)

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1st Point: Some reasons why we should act on climate change

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Climate change is a global problem. [But] Climate change is a solvable problem. Climate change is our problem. We can solve it.

(World Health Organization, 2017)

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