

Tracking Chart for "Typhoon Frank" Identification Efforts

Disaster Victim Identification CEBU 21th May 2009

Estimated total missing persons from Typhoon Frank*	963
Estimated missing persons from <i>Princess of the Stars</i> ferry	820
<p><i>*On June 21, 2008, the movement of Typhoon Frank across the seas of the Philippines resulted in the capsizing of the ferry "MV Princess of the Stars" and numerous other vessels. The current estimate of missing persons as noted on this tracking chart are those provided through the investigative efforts of the Filipino Government's National Bureau of Investigation- Disaster Victim Identification (NBI-DVI) located in Cebu City.</i></p>	

Number of blood samples collected from family donors	2,480
Number of missing persons represented by blood samples from family donors*	932
Number of samples sent for DNA testing to ICMP from recovered bodies	560
Number of DNA-assisted identifications **	439

**The total number of missing persons for whom the ICMP has received blood samples from family reference donors. DNA matches are made by comparing profiles from victims to a database of profiles from their relatives. A minimum of two close relatives is sought for each individual. Additional relatives can be very helpful in providing a strong match, particularly if the reference individuals are less closely related. Therefore, the number of blood samples exceeds the number of missing persons cases to which they correspond.*

*** When a DNA match is generated, the ICMP delivers the DNA match report to the official Identification Board of the NBI-DVI. All identifications are under the authority of the Identification Board and this Board is solely responsible for the final confirmation.*