

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 11

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
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I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

Taal Volcano's activity has been generally characterized by weak emission of steam-laden plumes 800 meters high from the Main Crater that drifted to the general southwest. A total of five (5) discrete weak explosions were recorded by the Taal Volcano Network.

Existing fissures identified in barangays of Lemery, Agoncillo, Talisay, and San Nicolas in Batangas Province has been observed to widen by a few centimeters. A steaming fissure has been newly observed on the northern slopes of Taal Volcano Island. Receding of the shoreline has been observed around the whole of Taal Lake.

The Philippine Seismic Network plotted a total of six hundred fifty-three (653) volcanic earthquakes since 1:00 PM, January 12, 2020. One hundred seventy-four (174) of these were felt with intensities ranging from Intensity I to V. Since 5:00 AM to 4:00 PM today, there were nineteen (19) volcanic earthquakes plotted. This signifies continuous magmatic intrusion beneath the Taal edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity.

Alert Level 4 still remains in effect over Taal Volcano. This means that hazardous explosive eruption is possible within hours to days. DOST-PHIVOLCS strongly reiterates total evacuation of Taal Volcano Island and high-risk areas as identified in the hazard maps within the 14-km radius from Taal Main Crater and along the Pansipit River Valley where fissuring has been observed. Residents around Taal Volcano are advised

to guard against the effects of heavy and prolonged ash fall. Civil aviation authorities must advise pilots to avoid the airspace around Taal Volcano as airborne ash and ballistic fragments from the eruption column pose hazards to aircraft. DOST-PHIVOLCS is continually monitoring the eruption and will update all stakeholders of further developments.

B. Rapid Assessment

- *Limited access to food, non-food items and medicine*
With over Individual survivors and households who preferred to stay in foster families have limited access to food and non-food items, along with medicines which are usually provided in evacuation centers. Per advisory from the command center, these households are encouraged to coordinate with the social services ministry of the respective parishes near the vicinity.
- *Government Advising.* The provincial government of Batangas, through its Public Information Office also advised the population staying in alternative evacuation (i.e. homes of kinsfolk and relatives) to enlist themselves at the online form made available by the Batangas Province Relief Operation: <https://bit.ly/370oG2y>.

This was properly endorsed by the public information office for proper monitoring of the evacuees that are sheltered by relatives, friends and other private households.

- *Request for cooking and dining paraphernalia.* The evacuees appeal for cooking and dining materials that will be used in their daily survival in the respective evacuation centers. Health and sanitation is one of the priorities of LASAC that will keep our evacuees safe and sound during the whole calamity period.

C. Volunteer Management

- *Call for help.* The emergency response team of LASAC was able to orient and deploy two hundred thirty-three (233) volunteers, having thirteen (13) enlisted as roving teams. There were also

eighty-six (86) seminarians coming from St. Francis de Sales Major and Theological Seminaries.

- *Deployment of Teams.* There were one hundred ninety (190) enrolled and utilized psychological first aid practitioners (PFAers) that were duly supervised and spearheaded by volunteers and professionals from the Psychological Association of the Philippines.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱4,308,082.00 while cash donations amounted to ₱2,936,654.00.
- A total number of 162,580 food and non-food items were disbursed and shared for over three hundred forty-seven (347) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:
 - 101,126 food items and bottled water
 - 13,605 medicines for various needs
 - 47,849 non-food items (WASH, blankets and mats)

B. Psychosocial intervention, liturgy and prayer

- *A Eucharistic Celebration was held.* It was led by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfredo Madlangbayan, followed by Eucharistic Adoration led by seminarians from St. Francis de Sales Major and Theological Seminary, for the intention of safety and guidance of the whole Province of Batangas.
- *Psychosocial support of volunteers.* The psychological first aid practitioners have responded. The said activity assured the safety of the children, adults including PWDs via psychosocial processing that were held in the Batangas Sports Complex and in Sto. Tomas City area.

III. Coordination

- The Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. is working closely with the Provincial Government of Batangas,

specifically with its disaster risk reduction and management agency and its social welfare and development office. There are a total of 32,231 families or 144,271 individuals in evacuation. There are already 436 evacuation centers as listed by the PDRRMO.

- The Department of Agriculture (DA) released a bulletin apprising the public that the damage and losses due to the Taal volcano eruption have reached ₱ 3.06 billion affecting 15,790 hectares and 1,923 animal head. According to the report, out of the 6,000 fish cages installed around Taal Lake, there were an estimated amount of ₱ 1.6 billion losses for the culture of tilapia and some bangus species. Thus, making fisheries the most affected commodity in terms of damage and losses.

IV. Pledges and Contributions

- *Urgent needs of the survivor.* Drinking water (packaged mineral water), clean water (as well as the water purifiers, medicines, rice and cooked food and dishes for the soup kitchen, face masks (N95), hygiene kits, cleaning kits for cleaning mud, power jet spray hose nozzles (pressure washer), sanitary napkins, diapers for baby and elderly people, undergarments, foldable beds and mats, temporary shelters, generator, emergency lamps and flashlights With over one hundred forty-five (145,000) survivors, close to almost 35,000 families in evacuation,. Immediate relief assistance in the municipality of Balayan, San Nicolas, Sta. Teresita and Cities of Batangas, Tanauan, Lipa, and Sto. Tomas are crucial due to the large number of evacuees.
- *Pledges of kind-hearted institutions.* The Diocese of Cubao pledged to initiate second collections on Sunday Masses to be remitted for the purpose of relief assistance in the Archdiocese of Lipa and the Diocese of Imus. Shell Philippines pledged 3,000,000 pesos while NASSA/Caritas pledged two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) pesos.
- *Let us all DREAM.* LASAC has received Disaster Risk and Emergency Assistance Machines (DREAM) from WeGen

Energy Philippines that will augment emergency lamps, powering the evacuation centers. In line with that, Globe Telecom Philippines will be providing free text messaging and calls service for volunteers duly enrolled by LASAC.

V. Media and Communications

The Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. (LASAC) continue to provide updates of the humanitarian response, entitled, "***Malasakit para sa Batangas***" through its social media accounts and website, while coordinating with the social communications commission of the archdiocese, along with other local and national broadcasting system.

VI. Photos



Numerous news agencies have come to the #MalasakitParaSaBatangas Command Center to hold interviews with Archbi Gilbert and Fr. Jazz to update the status of the Archdiocese of Lipa. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) News asked some updates from the Archbishop.







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