

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 33

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
PROGRAMME LOCATION	Province of Batangas
DATE COVERED	January 28, 2020 (as of 8:00 pm)
SITREP NUMBER	33
SUBMITTED BY	Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc.

I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

For almost five (5) consecutive days of monitoring, there has been a descending trend and weakening of volcanic and seismic activities this evening, except for a slight increase in sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions. Despite the decreasing volcanic and seismic activities, PHIVOLCS-DOST reinforces and maintains the downgraded **ALERT LEVEL 3** for Taal Volcano.

The following are among the variables and movements observed and recorded for the past five (5) days by the command center in coordination with the PHIVOLCS-DOST:

Date	Volcanic Earthquakes	Tremors	Low-Frequency Earthquakes	SO₂ Emissions
January 24	486	20	4	224tonnes
January 25	420	3	11	409tonnes
January 26	89	4	1	87tonnes
January 27	46	1	0	≠
January 28	30	0	0	64tonnes
TREND	↓	↓	↓	↓

This means that there is a decreased tendency towards hazardous explosive eruption but should not be interpreted that unrest has ceased or that the threat of a hazardous eruption has disappeared. Additionally, this category remains to be classified as **high level of volcanic unrest**, hence, the danger zone is considered expanded up to seven (7) kilometers from the main crater. Local government authorities have asserted that the recent permission granted for return is an **OPTION**. Residents must evacuate within an hour should alert levels be raised to category number 4.

B. Rapid Assessment

- Per data consolidation and validation there has been a drastic decrease in number of persons and families inside evacuation centers. The following are as follows:

INSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
32,613	20,200	116,157	72,236

Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC 2 Report (01/28/2020) as of 5:00pm.

- For the status of disaster operations, the number of persons and families who opted to return to their homes and stay outside evacuation camps are as follows:

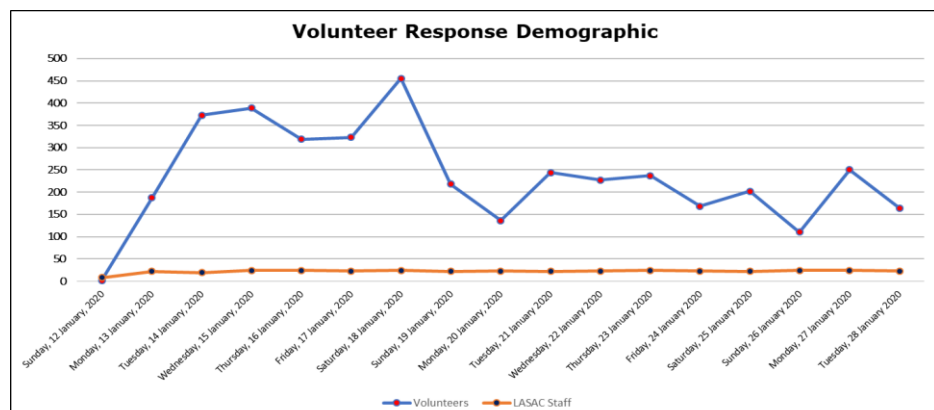
OUTSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
57,293	49,386	57,293	181,564

Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC 2 Report (01/28/2020) as of 5:00pm.

These collectivities shall be monitored by the local government in designated Magiting Centers all over the province, along with the social services ministry in every parish within the Archdiocese of Lipa.

C. Volunteer Management

- Decreased Volunteer Response.* An downward trend was recorded this evening, with 164 persons in attendance as compared to yesterday's 250 volunteers.



II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱18,834,617.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱8,490,721.64.
- A total number of 375,814 individuals benefitted from the humanitarian efforts and relief services of the Archdiocese for four hundred two (402) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:

Evacuation Category	Reliefs disbursed by RCAL for Individuals
Local Government	144,713
Archdiocese of Lipa	199,686
Interfaith and Interreligious	4,138
Private Organizations	27,277
TOTAL	375,814

B. Healthcare and Psychosocial Intervention

- Added to the roster of psychological first aid providers were nine (9) volunteers from the Couples for Christ and Singles for Christ who have rendered psychosocial interventions in coordination with the Commission on Healthcare.

C. Liturgy and Prayer

- A Eucharistic celebration was held at 11:00 in the morning. This was presided by Rev. Fr. Jayson Siapco and attended by members of religious organizations and volunteers.

III. Coordination

- The humanitarian response of the Archdiocese was made more efficient by the coordination and support of the following:
 - Mother of Good Counsel Seminary, San Fernando, Pampanga
 - Archbishop John Du, Catholic Bishops Conference of the Phils.
 - Diocese of Malolos
 - De La Salle Lipa
 - Diocesan Social Action of Pasig
 - United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB)

- A coordination meeting with Ministry Heads and Command Center Coordinators was called for by the Archbishop at 2:00 in the afternoon at the Media Conference Room.

IV. Pledges and Contributions

- Del Monte Philippines, Inc., has pledged 2,000 boxes of food items and products for repackaging and distribution to be coursed through parishes.
- In response to the expression of support and intent to help, along with the needs of the survivors and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Taal relief efforts, we encourage the donation of the following items:
 1. Pressure washers
 2. Family food packs
 3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) items
 4. Medicines (anti-hypertension, cough remedies, antihistamine, anti-vertigo)

V. Media and Communications

The official social media page of the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission was able to record an organic reach of 75,000 followers and users since January 12, 2020 with over 11,920 total page likes and 12,439 page follows.

VI. Photos





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