

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 58

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
PROGRAMME LOCATION	Civil Province of Batangas (Archdiocese of Lipa)
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I. Situation Analysis

Various government agencies have commenced with their planning for the early recovery and rehabilitation, while the local Church of Lipa have started coordinating various efforts from both public and private sectors. Per agreement, all rehabilitation efforts will only be actualized after volcanic alert levels have been downgraded to zero.

Faith-based organization outside the province have flocked to the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center of the Archdiocese to express and transmit aid both monetary and in-kind. This complementation of resources are expected to benefit a total of **151,343 families** or **586,284 persons** were affected by the Taal Volcano eruption in **75 barangays** in the region. Per the information and incident management system¹ of LASAC, the number of returning populations accounts for **9,412 families** and **24,182 persons** as of writing.

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin²

The past three (3) days has been characterized with moderately low volcanic activities where minor steam explosions of 50-100 meters high in the main crater were detected, drifting either southwest or northeast. Recorded volcanic earthquakes are observed to be on an upward trend from March 02 to March 05, with the most volcanic activity peaking on the third day of monitoring (March 04).

Date	Volcanic Earthquake	Harmonic Tremor	Tremor	Low-Frequency Earthquake	SO2 Emission
Feb. 28	22	0	0	0	≠
Feb. 29	45	0	0	0	≠
Mar. 01	29	0	0	0	≠
Mar. 02	20	0	0	0	≠
Mar. 03	28	0	0	0	≠
Mar. 04	31	0	0	0	≠
Mar. 05	28	0	0	2	≠

Alert Level 2 remains in effect over the Taal volcano island, which means that there is a decreased chance of a hazardous magmatic eruption. However, this does not make void the possibility of sudden steam-driven explosions and ground deformation, given there are still incidences of rock fracturing beneath and magmatic fluids beneath the edifice. Per instructed by state seismologists and volcanologists, the local government must assess previously evacuated areas.

¹ LASAC Incident Management System, powered by the Emergency Response Integration Center (ERIC).

² Summarized Advisory from the Taal Volcano Bulletin issued by PHIVOLCS for the past three (3) days.

B. Key Focused Areas

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Lack of permanent latrines and running water cause unsanitary condition of portalets and washing areas in existing and open evacuation centers. Due to unstable water supply in most evacuation sites, responding agencies have resorted to providing rations through water trucks in order to augment the supply.

Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihood

For the short-term, the supply of food and rations are sufficient in evacuation centers, however, given that donation drives are on a decreasing trend, this is expected to thin-out and dwindle as the focus of intervention gradually shifts from emergency response to early recovery and rehabilitation.

Shelter and Settlement

There are 8,138 damaged houses; of which, 2,718 are totally damaged and 5,420 are partially damaged. The categories are as follows:

NO. OF DAMAGED HOUSES ³			
MUNICIPALITY	ENTIRELY	PARTIALY	SUM TOTAL
Laurel	136	401	537
Lemery	471	1,034	1,505
Talisay	14	7	21
Tanauan City	2,097	3,978	6,705
TOTAL	2,718	5,420	8,138

Note: Ongoing assessment and validation are continuously being conducted.

Local government units have started planning with various agencies for the early recovery and rehabilitation of the affected population and areas. Displaced persons originally living within the 7km radius (permanent danger zone) shall be prioritized with initial identified target location Barangay Imelda, San Juan, Batangas.

Health

Aside from the relatively high incidence of acute respiratory infections, there are no reported medical emergencies directly related to the Taal volcano incident as of writing. Public and private sectors continue to provide and sponsor medical assistance and psychosocial interventions.

II. Humanitarian Response

KEY FOCUSED AREA	ACTIONS TAKEN
Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)	▪ 132,545 families comprised of 644,278 individuals and 54 parishes have benefitted by the relief services (FI, NFI and WASH) of the local Church of Lipa.
Food security and Nutrition	

³ DROMIC Report No. 62, issued by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on 29 February 2020.

Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5,490 individuals were given psychological first aid, 434 persons trained and 12 active PFA providers as of writing.
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III. Statement of Need

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In the aftermath of Taal volcano phreatic eruption, ensuring access to clean water, safe sanitation, hygiene kits, and other basic items for displaced people remains to be a significant necessity. Emergency projects such as construction of permanent latrines and washing areas are called for.

Food Security and Nutrition

The identified need for regular nutritional status monitoring among IDPs and vulnerable sectors is still advised, along with the appropriate and sound distribution of food supplements and vitamins for vulnerable IDPs.

Shelter and Settlement

In the course of planning and intervention, the affected population (IDPs) must be consulted and involved in order for them to hold on to and participate in their own recovery.

Health

For the severe medical cases, health services in the evacuation center should include a good referral system to other agencies. There should be a listing of clinics and hospital which can accept referrals from various stakeholders.

IV. Command Center Mechanism

Donor and Fund Support

In-kind relief (food and non-food items) has a monetized value of ₱37,984,041.12 while cash donations amounted to ₱21,052,900.04.

Volunteer Management

The total monetized value of volunteering time rendered by selfless and generous volunteers has amounted to ₱3,120,600.00.

Network and Information

A practice-based training on the operation of the incident management system was held last 04 March 2020. This was attended by all committee heads and distinguished personnel for proper and efficient mainstreaming and discharge of duties.

Logistics

On 04 March 2020, The SM Store sent 15 small boxes of assorted toys and educational materials. An additional contingent of 53,600 cans of fruit juice from Del Monte Philippines was delivered on 05 March 2020 at the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center.

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