



LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 3

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
PROGRAMME LOCATION	Talisay, Tanauan, Agoncillo, Alitagtag, Balete, San Nicolas, Sto. Tomas, Lemery and Bauan, Batangas
DATE COVERED	January 13, 2020 (as of 1:00 pm)
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I. Situation Overview

Since yesterday January 12, 2020, Taal Volcano has entered a period of intense unrest beginning with phreatic or steam-driven activity in several points inside the Main Crater. It progressed into magmatic eruption last 2:49AM to 4:28AM of January 13, 2020. This magmatic eruption is characterized by weak lava fountaining accompanied by thunder and flashes of lightning. At 2:00 PM yesterday, booming sounds were heard at Talisay, Batangas.

A total of seventy-five (75) volcanic earthquakes was recorded by the Philippine Seismic Network. The earthquake was felt around the Taal region as of 5:00 AM, January 13, 2020. Thirty-Two (32) earthquakes ranging from intensity II-IV was felt in Talisay, Alitagtag, Lemery and Bauan, Batangas. Such intense seismic activity probably signifies continuous magmatic intrusion beneath the Taal edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity.

Accordingly, **Alert Level 4** is currently in effect. This means that hazardous explosive eruption is possible within hours to days. Local government authorities strongly reiterate total evacuation of Taal Volcano Island and areas at high risk to magma currents and volcanic tsunami within a 14-kilometer radius from Taal Main Crater. Areas in the general north of Taal Volcano are advised to guard against the effects of heavy and prolonged ashfall. Civil aviation authorities must advise aircraft to avoid the airspace around Taal Volcano as airborne ash and ballistic fragments from the eruption column pose hazards to aircraft. All flights bound to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport has been diverted to Mactan International Airport in Cebu City.

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. As of 11:00 in the morning, there are a total of 4,850 families or 26,375 individuals in evacuation. Hot meals and wash items, along with face masks are among the most requested necessities. The city government of Batangas has ordered that all fiesta celebrations be cancelled so that resources may be utilized to aid the evacuees.

II. Response

- The Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. (LASAC) has further delineated and defined its humanitarian response and scope of work in the areas of roving, rapid assessment, humanitarian aid protocols and volunteer management.
- Roving contingents and rapid assessment teams have been deployed in three (3) clusters for the municipalities of Tanauan, Sto. Tomas, Balete, San Luis, Taal and Mataasnakahoy.
- Survivors in evacuation centers benefit from hot meals and refreshments being served in rations.
- Thirty (30) tankers of water has been sent by UNILAB Philippines coordinated with a local water concessionaire delivered to the province of Batangas today.

III. Coordination

- The diocesan social action of Capiz (CASAC) is working closely to disseminate information and donation drive.
- LASAC contacted the Brgy. Captain of Tambo to extend help and he allowed the use of one of their schools as evacuation center.
- The Commission on Healthcare coordinated with the Psychological First Aid responders for preliminary briefing and mobilization. They are expected to arrive on Thursday.
- Couples for Christ (CFC) Global rendered preliminary assistance at the command center for repacking in relief operations and support services for the roving team for rapid assessment.
- NASSA/Caritas Philippines Emergency Programs Lead and MEAL Coordinator Jeanie Curiano called for a coordinating conference at the National Office at 9:00 in the morning.

IV. Pledges and Contributions

With over 30,000 survivors, close to almost 5,000 families in evacuation, the urgent needs right now are drinking water (packaged mineral water), clean water (as well as the water containers, medicines, rice and side dishes for the kitchen, face masks (N95), hygiene kits, cleaning kits for cleaning mud, power jet spray hose nozzles, sanitary napkins, diapers for baby and elderly people, underwear, foldable beds and mats, temporary shelters, generator, emergency lamps and flashlights.

Fr. Anton Pascual of Caritas Manila, Inc. pledged 500 food packs, 500 hygiene kits, 300 gerry cans, 200 emergency lamps, water containers, sleeping mats and blankets.

The National Shrine and Parish of St. Padre Pio in Sto. Tomas City, Batangas was able to send food supplies for public kitchen at the Lipa Archdiocesan Formation Center

V. Media and Communications

The Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. (LASAC) continue to provide updates of the response 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





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