



LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 6

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
PROGRAMME LOCATION	Talisay, Tanauan, Agoncillo, Alitagtag, Balete, San Nicolas, Sto. Tomas, Lemery and Bauan (Province of Batangas)
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I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

At 1:00 in the afternoon, PHIVOLCS-DOST has issued an eruption update for Taal Volcano Alert Level 4 (hazardous eruption imminent). The Philippine Seismic Network recorded a total of forty-nine (49) volcanic earthquakes in the Taal region from 2:00 AM to 10:00 AM today. Seven (7) of these earthquakes were felt with intensities ranging from Intensity II to IV in the regions around Taal. The intense seismic activity coupled with fissuring on the caldera region likely signifies continuous magma intrusion beneath the Taal edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity.

B. Rapid Assessment

The municipalities of Agoncillo, San Nicolas and Talisay has already been closed and are off limits to anyone. New fissures or cracks were observed in Sinisian, Mahabang Dahilig, Dayapan, Palanas, Sangalang, Poblacion, Lemery; Pansipit, Agoncillo; Poblacion 1, Poblacion 2, Poblacion 3, Poblacion 5, Talisay and Poblacion of San Nicolas. A fissure or massive crack was also documented across the road connecting Agoncillo to Laurel, Batangas.

The parish priests of the fore mentioned municipalities have already taken custody of the canonical books and parish records, along with the safekeeping of the Blessed Sacrament.

C. Volunteer Management

As of 1:45 in the afternoon, the emergency response team of LASAC was able to orient and deploy three hundred seventy-three (373) volunteers, one hundred seven (107) of which are enrolled as psychological first aid responders (PFA'ers) duly supervised and spearheaded by volunteers from the Psychological Association of the Philippines.

The facilitation of psycho-social processing and psychological first aid shall be on stand-by and shall commence upon the order and instruction of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- A total number of 20,088 food and non-food items were disbursed and shared for over one hundred seventy-two (172) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:
 - 13,423 food items and bottled water
 - 01,625 medicines for cough and colds
 - 05,040 non-food items (WASH, blankets and mats)
- A special contingent was sent to aid and assist the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) responders in Agoncillo and Talisay for the enforced total evacuations.

B. Psychosocial interventions and Spirituality

- A Eucharistic celebration was presided by the local Ordinary, the Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera for the volunteers and psychological first aid responders in attendance.
- A psychosocial debriefing and special contingency meeting with LASAC focal persons were called for by the Director, Fr. Jayson Siapco to ensure that the humanitarian management core is emotionally balanced and technically equipped, given the imminent warning of local authorities.

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. As of 11:00 in the morning, there are a total of 10,506 families or 45,944 individuals in evacuation. Hot meals and wash items, along with face masks are among the most requested necessities. There were 172 evacuation sites beforehand, but this has decreased to 168 because four (4) sites from Taal moved to other municipalities and cities, per advised by the local government.

IV. Pledges and Contributions

With over 50,000 survivors, close to almost 8,000 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 cooked food and dishes for the soup kitchen, infant milk, 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, underwear, foldable beds and mats, temporary shelters, generator, emergency lamps and flashlights. Immediate relief assistance in the municipality of Balayan and San Luis is crucial as relief operations are hampered due to the large number of evacuees.

The Diocese of Cubao has pledged to initiate second collections on Sunday masses to be remitted for the purpose of relief assistance to the Archdiocese of Lipa and the Diocese of Imus. WeGen Energy Philippines has pledged to give disaster risk and emergency assistance machines (DREAM) to augment emergency lamps and power charging supply in evacuation centers. Globe Telecomm Philippines will provide free text messaging and calls service for volunteers duly enrolled by LASAC. Coca-Cola Foundation shall disburse drinking water. There is a total amount of ₱753,800.00 cash donations as of 2:00 in the afternoon.

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



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