

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 44

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I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

For the past 24 hours, there has been a moderate emission of white to dirty white steam-laden plumes rising 200 to 300m high before drifting southwest. Weak steaming from fissure vents along the *Daang Kastila trail* is currently ongoing.

Date	Volcanic Earthquake	Harmonic Tremor	Tremor	Low-Frequency Earthquake	SO ₂ Emission
Jan. 30	110	1	24	2	≠
Jan. 31	56	0	13	0	65tons
Feb. 01	182	1	0	1	65tons
Feb. 02	153	0	0	2	97tons
Feb. 03	134	0	0	2	97tons
Feb. 04	223	1	0	8	231tons
Feb. 05	156	18	0	2	55tons
Feb. 06	132	11	0	3	≠
Feb. 07	118	1	0	5	≠
Feb. 08	115	0	0	3	54tons
TREND	↓	↓	↔	↑	↓

Alert Level 3 remains in effect over Taal volcano island which means that there is still high probability of eruptive explosion that poses real hazards and high risks to health, life and property. These volcanic activities and earthquakes signify magmatic activity beneath the Taal edifice that could lead to eruptive activity at the Main Crater.

B. Rapid Assessment

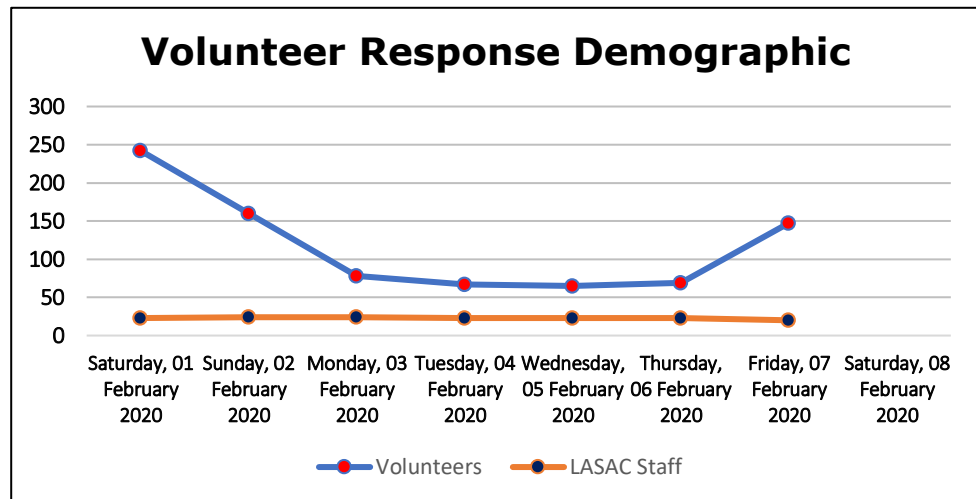
- *Information.* Per the latest disaster response operations monitoring and information center (DROMIC) of the Provincial,

majority of internally displaced individuals have preferred staying in home-based evacuation sites. The data aggregated from the field is presently being consolidated by field enumerators from the parish.

- *Hopes on Early Recovery.* While people are looking forward to repair their homes and communities, they understand it may no longer be safe to rebuild on the same place as before. They are already feeling the necessity to relocate elsewhere; and this is causing them great anxiety, on top of their pressing concern for survival.

C. Volunteer Management

- *Increase in volunteer response.* An increase in the number of volunteers recorded yesterday evening, with 178 persons in attendance. For this morning, an initial registration of 47 volunteers was recorded.



Consistent with previous patterns, the response and mobilization of volunteers are highest during weekends due to respite in both the academe and working sectors.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱30,761,935.01 while cash donations amounted to ₱14,831,401.84.

- A total number of 134,616 families comprised of 562,030 individuals benefitted from the humanitarian efforts and relief services of the Archdiocese for over 49 parish-based evacuation centers (ECs) and 139 government-managed ECs. Further categorized are the following:

Evacuation Category	Families	Individuals
Local Government	37,885	164,589
Archdiocese of Lipa	89,599	363,855
Interfaith and Interreligious	1,336	4,555
Private Organizations	5,796	29,031
TOTAL	134,616	562,030

B. Healthcare and Psychosocial Intervention

- *Fieldwork and medical mission.* In partnership with the Camillians, a medical mission and PFA was conducted at the following locus in Tuy, Batangas:
 - Barangay Lumbangan
 - Barangay Talon
 - Barangay Magahis

Over 100 families comprised of 300 individuals were able to benefit from the psychosocial and medical interventions, in partnership with the local parish of Tuy under the patronage of St. Vincent Ferre, along with the Camillians.

C. Liturgy and Prayer

- *Eucharistic Celebration.* For the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturdays), Rev. Fr. Jayson Siapco reflected on the gospel which speaks of the faith of the woman who begged Jesus to drive away the demon out of her daughter. Her faith was able to do great things in spite of the obstacles she encountered.

III. Coordination

A. Internal

- *Re-strategizing.* The humanitarian core group staff has tackled an imminent shift in relief and emergency response, along with early recovery efforts given the information updates and data disaggregates on age and home-based evacuation sites.

B. External

- The following organizations have coordinated their humanitarian response to the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center:
 - PAG-IBIG Fund
 - Elim Communities
 - Congregation of the Sisters of Charity

IV. Pledges and Contributions

- In response to the expression of support and intent to help, along with the needs of the survivors who returned temporarily in their respective areas, in consideration of the Taal relief efforts and early recovery phase, we encourage the donation of the following items:
 1. Shovel, digging bars, brooms and sacks for ashes
 2. Pressure washers, water filters and water hose
 3. N-95 masks and surgical masks
 4. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) items
 5. Medicines (anti-hypertension, cough remedies, antihistamine, anti-vertigo)

V. Media and Communications

Two (2) updates given on air via social communications were actualized last night and this morning as regards the latest volcano bulletin and the exodus of IDPs from center-based evacuation areas to home-based evacuation sites.

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