

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 56

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| PROGRAMME TITLE | Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH. |
| PROGRAMME LOCATION | Civil Province of Batangas (Archdiocese of Lipa) |
| DATE COVERED | February 24-27 2020 |
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I. Situation Analysis

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) relocated in Magiting Center, Talaibon, Ibaan, Batangas are waiting in high hopes for the final verdict of the government if the houses provided for them as of the moment will be their permanent homes, so that they can already start looking for means to start their new lives since it is no longer possible to go back to their native land, the Volcano Island.

Complains about not being part of the final lists of residents of the Island has been raised. There are number of families who lives in a specific Barangay in the Taal Island that are most likely ousted in the list of legit residents for no apparent reasons.

The humanitarian response team of the Archdiocese of Lipa visited and celebrated Ash Wednesday officiated by Archbishop Gilbert Garcera last February 25, 2020 at Talaibon.

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

| Date | Volcanic Earthquake | Harmonic Tremor | Tremor | Low-Frequency Earthquake | SO2 Emission |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Feb. 13 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59tonnes |
| Feb. 14 | DOWNGRADED TO ALERT LEVEL 2 | | | | |
| Feb. 15 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59tonnes |
| Feb. 16 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53tonnes |
| Feb. 17 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58tonnes |
| Feb. 18 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ≠ |
| Feb. 19 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ≠ |
| Feb. 20 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ≠ |
| Feb. 21 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ≠ |
| Feb. 22 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ≠ |
| Feb. 23 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ≠ |
| Feb. 24 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Feb. 25 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Feb. 26 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Feb. 27 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

B. Key Focused Areas

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

There is a sufficient supply of drinking water. But IDPs are struggling for almost 6 days since there is no water that can be used for washing and cleaning. Comfort rooms are barely usable since the flush is not functional and has poor drainage system is clogging. Waste can might bring toxic substances that can cause harm to the health of the IDPs especially to the children.

Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihood

Daily supply of food is still on a regular basis. Food donations are reducing but there are still number of sectors and communities providing food and other necessities.

Families of fishermen goes back to the island and do fishing the whole day and leave before the sun sets. It is more likely beneficial than doing nothing at the evacuation sites. Daily expenses is the top concern especially when there are kids going to school.

CFC ANCOP, Technical Vocational Education & Training on carpentry and masonry has already started last February 26. 104 enrolled in the training. Chance will be provided for others on the scheduled basis.

Shelter and Settlement

The housing project intended for PNP and AFP in Talaibon, Ibaan has become the relocation site of those displaced by Taal Volcano eruption. The housing project with 1,200 units was never used due to some legal issues but various agencies have reached an agreement to temporarily utilize it as shelters for IDPs.

Most houses lack doors and windows. A number of families put up doors with the limited resources that they have. Snakes are all over the place and safety should always be prioritized. There is still limited access to electricity.

Health

To dispense medicines as many items as they can because the items is to expiry. Also giving prescribed medicines to walk-in clients.

II. Humanitarian Response

| KEY FOCUSED AREA | ACTIONS TAKEN |
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| Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Caritas Manila has prepositioned 2,000 water purifiers for the evacuation center in Talaibon, Batangas. |

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| Food security, nutrition and livelihood | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ February 26, 2020, ANCOP/Couples for Christ (CFC) in partnership with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and DMCI has started the skills and livelihood training on carpentry and masonry. The training will last for 10 days. Allowance for the evacuee trainees will be provided by ANCOP |
| Shelter and settlement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting with Vincentians Family (Daughters of Charity) was held and requesting for a partnership and collaboration on the early recovery and rehabilitation phase of the Archdiocese. |
| Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health care office released face, over the counter medicine, alcohol, wipes, and multi vitamins good for 300 persons |

III. Statement of Need

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Proper wastewater drainage and septic tanks should be constructed. Promote waste segregation and daily collection of garbage. Open burning of waste has to be avoided. Proper disposal of collected wastes and waste minimization should be practiced where segregated recyclable materials could be a source of income among IDPs.

Food Security and Nutrition and Livelihood

Monitoring of the nutritional status of IDPs should be done regularly. Aside from the basic diet, food supplements and vitamins should be given to the vulnerable IDPs. An efficient information system must be in place to rapidly consolidate all records and aid in information management.

No significant data updates.

Shelter and Settlement

Doors, windows and rubber mats must be provided to the evacuees occupying the Talaibon Evacuation Center since it is too cold particularly during evenings. Also to avoid harmful animals especially snakes to go inside the houses that might harm the evacuees most especially the children.

Health

There is a need to know and have a list of IDPs in need of a specific medicine particularly the ones with maintenance and with asthma.

Many donated medicines were nearly expiry, we ask the help of the Parishes if they can partner to a Pharmacy in the area. The medicine may be purchased by them. The Parish on the other hand may reimburse the fund they used to LASAC, provided they bring the acknowledgement receipt. A guideline in disbursing may be provided by the Commission on Health Care.

IV. Command Center Mechanism

Donor and Fund Support

In-kind relief (food and non-food items) has a monetized value of ₱36,102,068.68 while cash donations amounted to ₱19,980,300.04.

Volunteer Management

The total monetized value of volunteering time rendered by selfless and generous volunteers has amounted to ₱3,060,600.00.

Network and Information

A schema and directory for helping agencies were drafted by the committee for resource access and navigation. The regular airing of MALASACKIT FIRST Radio Program, along with the regular mainstreaming of updates took place at media conference room. Continuous release of Situational Report is every Thursday and Monday. A musical concert shall be held and sponsored by a group of individuals from New Jersey which will further be coordinated by Rev Fr Jose Dennis Tenorio for the benefit of the severely affected population of Taal Volcano eruption and in order to augment the humanitarian efforts of the Archdiocese.

No significant data updates

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