

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 36

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
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I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

As compared to yesterday's seismic analysis, there has been a decrease in volcanic activities, volcanic earthquakes, tremors, low frequency earthquakes. There were no harmonic tremors recorded but the emission of sulfur dioxide has slightly increased. The movement of magma beneath the Taal volcano edifice remains to be closely monitored in view of an eruptive explosion. For this reason, PHIVOLCS-DOST reinforces and maintains the downgraded **ALERT LEVEL 3** for Taal Volcano.

The following are among the variables and movements observed and recorded for the past eight (8) days by the Malasakit para sa Batangas command center in coordination with state seismologists:

Date	Volcanic Earthquake	Harmonic Tremor	Tremor	Low-Frequency Earthquake	SO2 Emission
Jan. 24	486	0	20	4	224tons
Jan. 25	420	0	3	11	409tons
Jan. 26	89	0	4	1	87tons
Jan. 27	46	0	1	0	≠
Jan. 28	30	0	0	0	64tons
Jan. 29	31	0	1	1	64tons
Jan. 30	110	1	24	2	≠
Jan. 31	56	0	13	0	65tons
TREND	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑

Records show that there is an impending explosive eruption and that unrest has not yet ceased, and the threat of a hazardous eruption is still highly probable. Additionally, this category remains to be classified as **high level of volcanic unrest**, hence, the danger zone is considered expanded up to seven (7) kilometers from the main crater. Local government authorities have asserted that the recent

permission granted for return is an **OPTION**. It is therefore necessary to reiterate that residents must evacuate within an hour should alert levels be raised to category number 4.

B. Rapid Assessment

- There has been a continuous decrease in number of persons and families staying in evacuation centers, primarily due to the high incidence of individuals opting to stay in foster families, along with those who have returned. The following are the aggregated numbers:

INSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
14,314	9,779	49,992	34,314

Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC 2 Report (01/30/2020) as of 5:00pm.

- For the status of disaster operations, the number of persons and families who opted to return to their homes and stay outside evacuation camps are as follows:

OUTSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
60,337	47,016	221,656	171,317

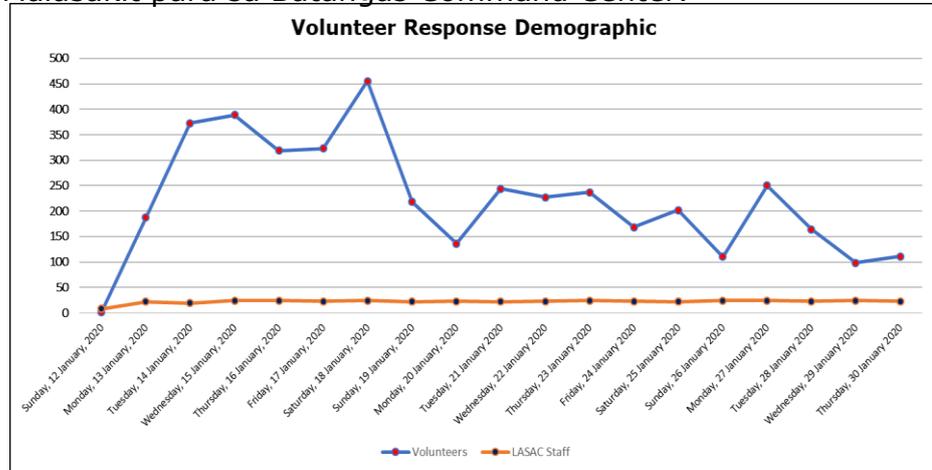
Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC 2 Report (01/30/2020) as of 5:00pm.

These collectivities shall be monitored by the local government in designated Magiting Centers all over the province, along with the social services ministry in every parish within the Archdiocese of Lipa.

C. Volunteer Management

- Increased Volunteer Response.* A slight upward trend was recorded this evening, with 111 persons in attendance as compared to yesterday's 98 volunteers. The increase in trend has been directly correlated with the contingent team composed of pastoral workers from the Couples for Christ Global Mission Foundation, Inc. This is part of the coordinated

efforts of CFC in the Archdiocese of Lipa who are now on their fourth day of apostolate, rendering technical services in the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center.



II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱20,243,132.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱9,243,870.16.
- A total number of 375,814 individuals benefitted from the humanitarian efforts and relief services of the Archdiocese for four hundred two (402) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:

Evacuation Category	Reliefs disbursed by RCAL for Individuals
Local Government	144,713
Archdiocese of Lipa	199,686
Interfaith and Interreligious	4,138
Private Organizations	27,277
TOTAL	375,814

B. Healthcare and Psychosocial Intervention

- There were seventeen (17) psychological first aid providers who underwent a psychosocial intervention facilitated by Mr. Earvin Larry Aquino of the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission.
- Volunteers facilitated a Psychological First Aid to the evacuees situated at Lynville in Malvar, Batangas. There are currently 16

families who were fostered by the concerned residents of the subdivision. The volunteers conducted PFA to both adults and kids through peer-to-peer sessions and artworks for kids.

C. Liturgy and Prayer

- A Eucharistic Celebration was presided by Rev Fr. Bladimir Calingasan (Spiritual Director of the Institute of Formation, St. Francis de Sales) at 11:00 in the morning today. He shared his insights on the call to be a light for others, instructing the faithful of the two greatest source of light: our people and God. It is an invitation to become God's instruments; to let our light shine before the world, that they may in return, glorify the Lord.

III. Coordination

A. Internal

- The Ministry on Faith Formation of the Archdiocese of Lipa through Rev. Fr. Eugene Hechanova launched and forwarded the layout for the tarpaulin of hope with the text from the Holy Father in Filipino: "*Sa lahat ng pagkakataon, hindi tayo iniiwan, hindi tayo pinababayaan ng Diyos.*" This shall be posted in conspicuous places all over the province, specifically in evacuation centers and parishes.
- The Ministry on Stewardship of the Archdiocese of Lipa through Rev. Fr. Benny Aguila commenced the inspection and ocular visit of most severely affected areas along with the places of worship contained therein. This transpired in partnership with state engineers and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

B. External

- The humanitarian response of the Archdiocese was made more efficient by the coordination and support of the following:
 - Radio Network in Bicol (CAMSUR)
 - Roman Catholic Diocese of Imus
 - Roman Catholic Diocese of Libmanan
 - Roman Catholic Diocese of Puerto Princesa
 - Apostolic Vicariate of Calapan

- Philippine Food Bank Foundation, Inc.
- Association of Calambaeanos of Los Angeles
- St. Andrew the Apostle Parish (Bel-Air Makati)
- Xavier School of Nuvali, Laguna
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Cubao, along with the Diocese of Dumaguete has coordinated with LASAC for a cash-for-work program to be implemented in partnership with the Basilica and Parish of St. Martin of Tours in Taal, Batangas.

IV. Pledges and Contributions

- The Coca-Cola Company Employees' Cooperative shall donate 3kilogram-packs of rice along with cleaning materials for the most severely affected families in the municipalities of San Nicolas, Talisay, Agoncillo and Mataasnahoy.
- The initial relief contingent from Del Monte Philippines has arrived at the Command Center containing Del Monte products in first tranche of three (3) container trucks. The remaining twelve (12) contingents are expected to arrive within the week.
- In response to the expression of support and intent to help, along with the needs of the survivors and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in 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

A brief update on the developments in Taal volcano and the situation in evacuation centers were given on-air today through the social communications commission of the Archdiocese of Lipa (ALFM 95.9 Radyo Totoo sa Batangas).

Among the highlights of the interview were the increase in volcanic activities, the decrease on the number of individuals staying in evacuation centers and an advisory to keep guard against fraud and scams, especially those who use the name of the Archbishop and LASAC

for unwarranted and un-called for solicitations by individuals who are not in anyway connected nor affiliated to the Archdiocese.

VI. Photos



A psychological first aid session was held at the Lynville Subdivision in Malvar, Batangas, spearheaded by the Commission on Healthcare.



Rev. Fr. Bladimir Calingasan shares his childhood experience of yearning for light whenever a prolonged blackout would occur, relating it to the eruption of Taal volcano.



Apart from Psychological First Aid, a rapid assessment and enumeration was conducted by the volunteers to supplement a disaggregated database and information system for humanitarian response.

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