

## LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 21

<b>PROGRAMME TITLE</b>	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
<b>PROGRAMME LOCATION</b>	Province of Batangas
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### I. Situation Overview

#### A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

Since 5:00 AM this morning, there were no ash emissions based on our seismic records and visual observations. However, unconsolidated ash blanketing Taal Volcano Island has been remobilized and transported by strong low-level winds towards southwest (SW), affecting the towns of Lemery and Agoncillo. Reports from several airlines state the presence of remobilized volcanic ash at a height of approximately 5800m (19000ft).

**PHIVOLCS reiterates Alert Level 4 over Taal Volcano.** This means that hazardous explosive eruption is still possible within hours to days. DOST-PHIVOLCS strongly recommends total evacuation of Taal Volcano Island and high-risk areas as identified in the hazard maps within the 14-km radius from Taal Main Crater and along the Pansipit River Valley where fissuring has been observed. Based on PAGASA wind forecast, if the eruption plume remains below three (3) km, ash will be drifted to the municipalities west and southwest of the Main Crater; however, if a major eruption occurs during the day and the eruption column exceeds 5 km, ash will also be drifted over the eastern part of Laguna, and some parts of Rizal and Marinduque. Residents around the volcano are advised to guard against the effects of heavy and prolonged ashfall. Civil aviation authorities must advise pilots to avoid the airspace around Taal Volcano as airborne ash and ballistic fragments from the eruption column pose hazards to aircraft.

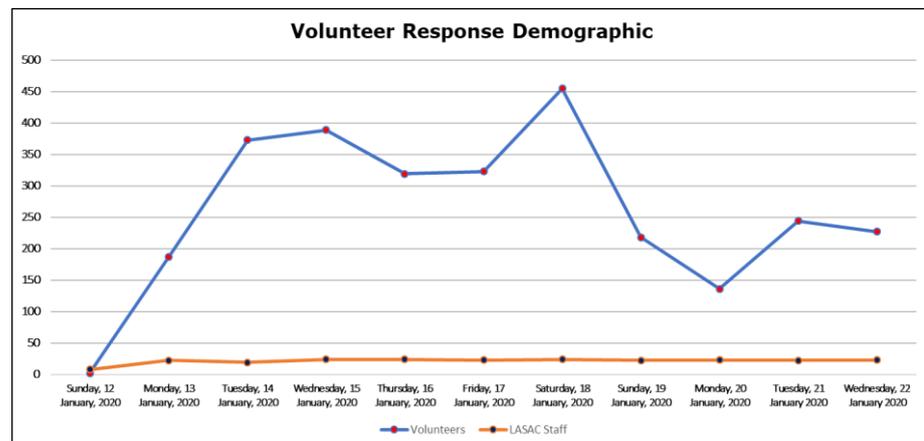
Per the latest conference with PHIVOLCS, the weakening of ash emissions does not mean that volcanic activities underneath the edifice is subsiding. The agency has mentioned the possibility of magma congestion, hence, there is a high probability that craters are obstructed with magma.

## B. Rapid Assessment

- The lake of Taal, along with the municipalities surrounding it remains to be a no man's island, especially now that military and police officers have been ordered to enforce a total lockdown — no window hours — on all 199 barangays in 15 municipalities and cities in Batangas.
- Based on the reports of the roving team, the following are numbers of individuals assisted by relief of respective groups and institutions:
  - 2,337 pax (inter-faith and interreligious groups)
  - 1,518 pax (private organizations)
  - 14,473 pax (local government unit)
  - 53,532 pax (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Lipa)

## C. Volunteer Management

- *Volunteer Response Slightly Decreased.* A decrease in volunteers was recorded this evening, with 227 persons as compared to yesterday's 244 persons. Thirty-one (31) of the total number of volunteers were deployed as psychological first aid providers.



Volunteers are deployed in clusters. These are then assigned to various committees, among others: Networking and Information, Volunteer Management, Donation and Funding Support, Healthcare, In-House and Technical Assistance.

## **II. Response**

### **A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief**

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱12,048,530.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱4,814,388.76.
- A total number of 51,841 relief service packs were disbursed and shared for over five hundred fifty-five (555) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:

### **B. Psychosocial intervention, liturgy and prayer**

- A freedom wall was installed at the lobby of the command center for volunteers to post insights. This was hailed as “paskilan ng damdamin”, literally, a wall for emotions. It enables the volunteers to share and air their feelings and insights as regards the current state of their emotions, along with their outlook in life

## **III. Coordination**

- Archbishop Garcera called for a meeting with the parish pastoral council and members of the parish ministry on social services for coordinated and synchronized mobilization. The possibility of creating satellite offices in strategic locations such as Batangas City shall have been further reinforced.

## **IV. Pledges and Contributions**

- The following are pledges from various groups, organizations and networks who have coordinated with the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc.:
  1. The Diocese of Cubao has successfully turned over twelve (12) portalets to be given in selected evacuation centers across Tanauan City.
  2. Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) 1,400 pails of food packs, 190 sacks of rice (50kgs), 180 boxes canned goods, 80 boxes instant noodles, 10 boxes of medicines and 800pcs of 3gals of water.
- 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, we encourage the donation of the following items:

1. Bottled waters
2. Ready-to-eat food packs
3. Tents and shelter materials
4. Medicines (anti-hypertension, cough remedies, anti-histamine, anti-vertigo)
5. Sleeping kits
6. N-95 masks
7. Nebulizer kits
8. Hygiene kits
9. Portalets
10. Rubber mats

## 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.

To make massive the dissemination of information, an update from the command center shall be issued every three (3) hours on-air, per the latest communication with the Archdiocesan Social Communications Commission through Rev. Fr. Ildefonso Dimaano.

## VI. Photos





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