



LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 10

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| 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) |
| DATE COVERED | January 16-17, 2020 (as of 8:00 pm-8:00 am) |
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I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

Activity in the Main Crater in the past 24 hours has been characterized by steady steam emission and infrequent weak explosions that generated dark gray ash plumes 100 to 800 meters tall and dispersed ash southwest to west of the Main Crater.

Existing fissures identified in barangays of Lemery, Agoncillo, Talisay, and San Nicolas in Batangas Province have been observed to widen by a few centimeters. A steaming fissure has been newly observed on the northern slopes of Taal Volcano Island. Receding of the shoreline has been observed around the whole of Taal Lake.

The Philippine Seismic Network plotted a total of six hundred thirty-four (634) volcanic earthquakes since 1:00 PM, January 12, 2020. One hundred seventy-four (174) of these registered at magnitudes M1.2 – M4.1 and were felt at Intensities I – V. Since 5:00 AM on January 16, 2020 until 5:00 AM today, there were sixty-five (65) volcanic earthquakes plotted, two (2) of these registered at magnitudes M1.3 -M3.1 and were both felt at Intensity I. The Taal Volcano Network recorded nine hundred forty-four (944) volcanic earthquakes including twenty-nine (29) low-frequency earthquakes. Such intense seismic activity likely signifies continuous magmatic intrusion beneath the Taal edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity.

Alert Level 4 still remains in effect over Taal Volcano. This means that hazardous explosive eruption is possible within hours to days. DOST-PHIVOLCS strongly reiterates 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. Residents around Taal 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. DOST-PHIVOLCS is continually monitoring the eruption and will update all stakeholders of further developments.

B. Rapid Assessment

Individual survivors and households who preferred to stay in foster families have limited access to food and non-food items, along with medicines which are usually provided in evacuation centers. Per advisory from the command center, these households are encouraged to coordinate with the social services ministry of the respective parishes near the vicinity.

The provincial government of Batangas, through its Public Information Office also advised the population staying in alternative evacuation (i.e. homes of kinsfolk and relatives) to enlist themselves at the online form made available by the Batangas Province Relief Operation: <https://bit.ly/370oG2y>.

This was properly endorsed by the public information office for proper monitoring of the evacuees that are sheltered by relatives, friends and other private households.

C. Volunteer Management

As of 4:35 in the afternoon of July 16, 2020, the emergency response team of LASAC was able to orient and deploy two hundred thirty-nine (239) volunteers, thirteen (13) of which are enlisted as roving teams, sixty-five (65) of which are enrolled

as psychological first aid practitioners duly supervised and spearheaded by volunteers and professionals from the Psychological Association of the Philippines.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱3,761,390.00 while cash donations amounted to ₱1,878,320.00 as of 9:30 in the evening of January 16, 2020.
- A total number of 148,392 food and non-food items were disbursed and shared for over two hundred twenty-two (222) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:
 - 92,916 food items and bottled water
 - 12,198 medicines for various needs
 - 43,278 non-food items (WASH, blankets and mats)

B. Psychosocial intervention, liturgy and prayer

- A Eucharistic Adoration was led by seminarians from St. Francis de Sales Major and Theological Seminary, for the intention of safety and guidance of the whole Province of Batangas.
- The psychological first aid practitioners have responded to enable children feel safe through a psychosocial processing held in the Batangas Sports Complex.

III. Coordination

- The Archbishop of Lipa, Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera D.D was interviewed by the Catholic Bishop's Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) News regarding the current situation of the Province of Batangas and how the Batangueños face the natural calamity. ArchBi pinpointed that this year, 2020 is a year to see the faith without boundaries as he sought the example of the 20-20 as the perfect vision according to optometrists.
- 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

evening of January 16, 2020, there is a total of 30,763 families or 137,014 individuals in evacuation. There are already 425 evacuation centers as listed by the PDRRMO.

IV. Pledges and Contributions

With over 140,000 survivors, close to almost 35,000 families in evacuation, the urgent needs right now are drinking water (packaged mineral water), clean water (as well as the water purifiers, medicines, rice and cooked food and dishes for the soup kitchen, 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, undergarments, foldable beds and mats, temporary shelters, generator, emergency lamps and flashlights. Immediate relief assistance in the municipality of Balayan, San Nicolas, Sta. Teresita and Cities of Batangas, Tanuan, Lipa, and Sto. Tomas are crucial as relief operations due to the large number of evacuees.

The Diocese of Cubao pledged to initiate second collections on Sunday Masses to be remitted for the purpose of relief assistance in the Archdiocese of Lipa and the Diocese of Imus. Shell Philippines pledged 3,000,000 pesos while Nassa/Caritas pledged two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) pesos.

LASAC has received Disaster Risk and Emergency Assistance Machines (DREAM) from WeGen Energy Philippines that will augment emergency lamps, powering the evacuation centers. In line with that, Globe Telecom Philippines will be providing free text messaging and calls service for volunteers duly enrolled by LASAC.

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



Numerous news agencies have come to the #MalasakitParaSaBatangas Command Center to hold interviews with Archbi Gilbert and Fr. Jazz to update the status of the Archdiocese of Lipa. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines News asked some updates from the Archbishop.







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