

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 31

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

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

Consistent with the advisory from PHIVOLCS-DOST since yesterday, there has been a descending trend and weakening of volcanic and seismic activities this evening which reinforces and maintains the downgraded **ALERT LEVEL 3** for Taal Volcano.

This means that there is a decreased tendency towards hazardous explosive eruption **BUT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED THAT UNREST HAS CEASED** or that the threat of a hazardous eruption has disappeared. Additionally, this category remains to be classified as high level of volcanic unrest, and hence, seismic interpretations yield that magma is near or at the surface, and activity could lead to hazardous eruption in weeks. Danger zone is considered expanded up to seven (7) kilometers from the main crater.

The following are among the variables and movements observed and recorded for the past four (4) days by the command center in coordination with the PHIVOLCS-DOST:

Date	Volcanic Earthquakes	Tremors	Low-Frequency Earthquakes	SO2 Emissions
January 24	486	20	4	224
January 25	420	3	11	409
January 26	89	4	1	87
January 27	46	1	0	≠
TREND	↓	↓	↓	↓

Per advised by the institute, a stand-down procedure has been laid in order to minimize unnecessary changes in declaration of Alert Levels. Hence, the following periods shall be observed:

Alert Levels	Time Frame
From Level 5 to Level 4	Wait at least 24 hours after hazardous activity stops.
From Level 4 to Level 3	Wait at least 2 weeks after activity drops below Level 4.
From Level 3 to Level 2	Wait 2 weeks after activity drops below Level 3.

In this regard, residents of the municipalities of Agoncillo and Laurel now have the OPTION to return to their homes/places of work, except the following barangays within the 7km danger zone:

1. Brgy. Bilibinwang, Agoncillo
2. Brgy. Subic Ilaya, Agoncillo
3. Brgy. Banyaga, Agoncillo
4. Brgy. Gulod, Laurel
5. Brgy. Buso-buso, Laurel
6. Brgy. Bugaan, Laurel

The provincial government has also reiterated that the following barangays in the volcano island are on permanent lockdown:

1. Sitio Tabla, Talisay
2. Brgy. San Isidro, Talisay
3. Brgy. Calawit, Balete
4. Brgy. Alas-as, San Nicolas
5. Brgy. Pulang Bato, San Nicolas

B. Rapid Assessment

- Per data consolidation and validation there has been a drastic decrease in number of persons and families inside evacuation centers. The following are as follows:

INSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
53,156	32,613	200,899	116,157

Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC Report (01/27/2020)

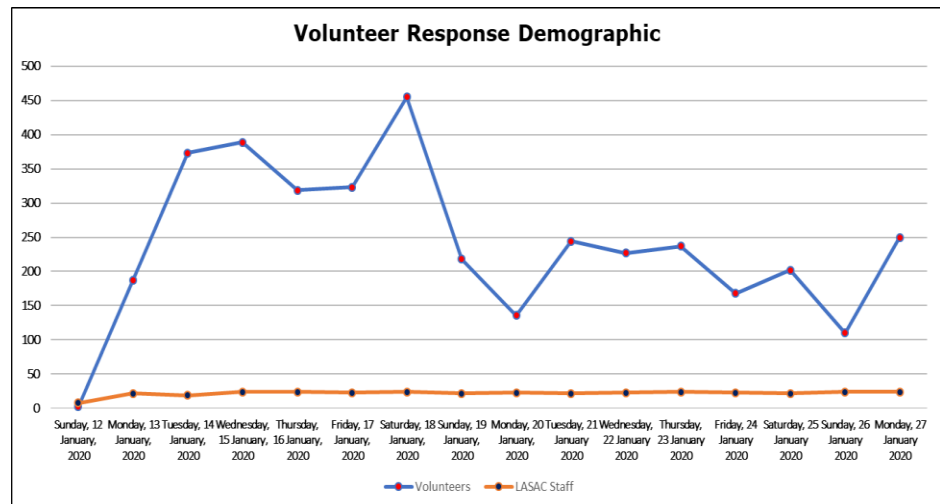
- For the status of disaster operations, the number of persons and families who opted to return to their homes and stay outside evacuation camps are as follows:

OUTSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
57,293	53,148	213,195	196,414

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

- *Significant Increase in Volunteer Response.* An upward trend and increase were recorded this evening, with two hundred fifty (250) persons in attendance as compared to yesterday's one hundred ten (110) volunteers.



The additional contingent and support from Couples for Christ has significantly boosted the volunteer response. Additionally, majority of the volunteers composed of young people opted to continue their apostolate in view of an extended suspension of classes.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱17,611,050.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱8,006,978.16.

- A total number of 353,459 individuals benefitted from the humanitarian efforts and relief services of the Archdiocese for eight hundred fifty-two (852) 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	177,804
Interfaith and Interreligious	4,138
Private Organizations	26,804
TOTAL	353,459

B. Healthcare and Psychosocial Intervention

- Per the latest coordination with the Department of Health, Psychological First Aid shall resume on Wednesday with special attention for persons with disability. This means that volunteers who are proficient in sign language are called for.
- A psychological first aid took place at the San Vicente Parish in Banay-banay, Lipa City. In attendance were 446 families composed of 1,575 who were assisted by 9 psychological first aid providers. Participants were staying at their foster families.

C. Liturgy and Prayer

- A Eucharistic celebration was held at the St. Lawrence Deacon and Martyr Chapel at the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center. This was officiated by Rev. Fr. Jayson Siapco and was attended by volunteers from the Diocese of Caloocan and Couples for Christ – Rosario and San Juan Clusters.
- The parish priest of San Guillermo Parish, Rev. Fr. Milo Malabuyoc celebrated Mass in Talisay, Batangas facing the Taal Lake. This was attended by the local government and returning residents from evacuation camps.

III. Coordination

- The humanitarian response of the Archdiocese was made more efficient by the coordination and support of the following:
 - CBCP-NASSA Alay Kapwa
 - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Caloocan

- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Legazpi
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Libmanan
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tarlac
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pasig

IV. Pledges and Contributions

- Del Monte Philippines, Inc., has pledged 2,000 boxes of food items and products for repackaging and distribution to be coursed through parishes.
- 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. Pressure washers
 2. Family food packs
 3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) items
 4. Medicines (anti-hypertension, cough remedies, antihistamine, anti-vertigo)

V. Media and Communications

An inter-agency directory for communication and information mainstreaming, containing the roster of focal persons has been created by the Networking and Information Cluster to expedite correspondence with various government and non-government agencies.

The MaLASACKit First Radio Program was held at the Media Conference Room of the Command Center this afternoon. It was livestreamed and on-air from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm.

VI. Photos





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