



## **LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 8**

<b>PROGRAMME TITLE</b>	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
<b>PROGRAMME LOCATION</b>	Talisay, Tanauan, Agoncillo, Alitagtag, Balete, San Nicolas, Sto. Tomas, Lemery and Bauan (Province of Batangas)
<b>DATE COVERED</b>	January 16, 2020 (as of 7:00 am-2:00 pm)
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<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc.

### **I. Situation Overview**

#### **A. Taal Volcano Bulletin**

Exactly 8:00 in the morning, PHIVOLCS-DOST has released an eruption update for Taal Volcano Alert Level 4 (hazardous explosive eruption imminent). The Philippine Seismic Network recorded a total of one hundred three (103) volcanic earthquakes plotted, fourteen (14) of these registered at magnitudes M1.4 -M4.0 and were felt at Intensities I – III in the Taal region since 5:00 AM of January 15, 2020 until 5:00 AM today. 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 were advised to guard against the effects of heavy and prolonged ash fall.

#### **B. Rapid Assessment**

The municipalities of Agoncillo, San Nicolas, Talisay and Taal are under complete lockdown while Lemery is under partial lockdown. They imposed a partial lockdown on Lemery. New fissures or cracks were observed in Sinisian, Mahabang Dahilig, Dayapan, Palanas, Sangalang, Poblacion, Lemery; Pansipit, Agoncillo; Poblacion 1, Poblacion 2, Poblacion 3, Poblacion 5, Talisay and Poblacion of San Nicolas. A fissure or massive crack was also documented across the road connecting Agoncillo to Laurel, Batangas.

The parish priests of the fore mentioned municipalities have already taken custody of the canonical books and parish records, along with the safekeeping of the Blessed Sacrament.

At 10:00AM January 16,2020 DPWH advised that travelers should take Tagaytay-Nasugbu Route in going to Balayan, Calaca and Nasugbu.

### **C. Volunteer Management**

As of 1:45 in the afternoon, the emergency response team of LASAC was able to orient and deploy three hundred seventy-three (373) volunteers, one hundred seven (107) of which are enrolled as psychological first aid responders (PFA'ers) duly supervised and spearheaded by volunteers from the Psychological Association of the Philippines.

The facilitation of psycho-social processing and psychological first aid shall be on stand-by and shall commence upon the order and instruction of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO).

## **II. Response**

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

- A total number of 52,153 food and non-food items were disbursed and shared for over one hundred seventy-two (172) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:
  - 28,783 food items and bottled water
  - 5,590 medicines for various needs
  - 17,780 non-food items (WASH, blankets and mats)
- In-kind donations monetized amount is ₱3,108,989.00 while cash donations had a total of 1,388,720.00.
- The relief operations of LASAC has already benefitted 88,186 individuals in three hundred seventy-three (373) evacuation centers all-over the province.

## **B. Psychosocial interventions and Spirituality**

- A Eucharistic celebration was offered by Rev. Fr. Jaime Jose Culla for the volunteers and psychological first aid responders in attendance.
- Sixty-five (65) Psychological First Aid provider was deployed at Batangas Sports Complex; Padre Pio Shrine; Sto Thomas City; Lian, Matabungkay.

## **III. Coordination**

- The NASSA/Caritas Philippines, along with Oxfam and Catholic Relief Services made a solidarity visit to LASAC Command Center this morning. LASAC Director, Rev. Fr. Jayson Siapco explained the possible worst case scenario concerning the Taal volcano and the local Caritas' humanitarian response.

## **IV. Pledges and Contributions**

With over 120,000 survivors, close to almost 30,000 families in evacuation, the urgent needs right now are drinking water (packaged mineral water), clean water (as well as the water containers, 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, underwear, foldable beds and mats, temporary shelters, generator, emergency lamps and flashlights. Immediate relief assistance in the municipality of Balayan and San Luis is crucial as relief operations are hampered due to the large number of evacuees.

The Diocese of Cubao has pledged to initiate second collections on Sunday masses to be remitted for the purpose of relief assistance to the Archdiocese of Lipa and the Diocese of Imus. WeGen Energy Philippines has pledged to give disaster risk and emergency assistance machines (DREAM) to augment emergency lamps and power charging supply in evacuation centers. Globe Telecomm Philippines will provide free text messaging and calls service for volunteers duly enrolled by LASAC. Coca-Cola Foundation shall

disburse drinking water. There is a total amount of ₱753,800.00 cash donations as of 2:00 in the afternoon.

January 16, 2020, Ateneo de Manila has pledge fundraising activity to be given to aid the survivor eruption of Taal Volcano.

## 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





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