

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 17

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
PROGRAMME LOCATION	Province of Batangas
DATE COVERED	January 20, 2020 (as of 08:00 pm)
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I. Situation Overview

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

Taal Volcano's activity has been generally characterized by weak emission of steam-laden plumes 500 to 800 meters high from the Main Crater that drifted to the general southwest. A total of two (2) discrete weak ash explosions were observed.

The Philippine Seismic Network (PSN) plotted a total of six hundred seventy-three (673) volcanic earthquakes since 1:00 PM, January 12, 2020. One hundred seventy-five (175) of these were felt with intensities ranging from Intensity I to V. Since 5:00 AM to 12:00 PM today, there were thirteen (13) volcanic earthquakes plotted.

From 5:00 AM to 4:00 PM today, the Taal Volcano Network, which includes small earthquakes undetectable by the PSN, recorded three hundred sixty-six (366) volcanic earthquakes, three (3) tremor events, and eight (8) low-frequency earthquakes. Such intense seismic activity likely signifies continuous magmatic intrusion beneath the Taal edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity. Latest sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission was measured at an average of 1442 tonnes/day today at 5:00 PM.

Alert Level 4 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

- *Areas on Lockdown.* The following cities and municipalities in Batangas implemented total and partial lockdown:

Area	Date	Remarks
Lemery	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Total
Agoncillo	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Total
Laurel	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Partial
Balete	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Total
Sta. Teresita	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Total
Talisay	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Total
Taal	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Partial
San Nicolas	20 January 2020, 6:00 PM	Total

- *Population distribution of survivors in evacuation centers:*

Evacuation Centers	No. of Families	No. of Individuals	No. of EC's
Local Government	69,549	297,653	504
Local Church of Lipa	11,890	52,811	056
Interfaith and Interreligious	567	1,728	006
Private Organizations	1,422	8,092	038
TOTAL	83,355	361,656	620

- *Camp identification and camp management* remains to be the primary obstacle in relief services and mobilization. Most evacuation centers are overcrowded, prompting the affected population to consider staying in foster families.

C. Volunteer Management

- *Volunteer Response.* The emergency response team of LASAC was able to deploy one hundred thirty-six (66) volunteers.
- *Areas of improvement.* The consolidation of data in order to become efficient must be well coordinated properly with the in-house technical assistance and donation/funding support.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱7,822,380.00 while cash donations amounted to ₱3,862,575.90.
- A total number of 33,219 relief service packs were disbursed and shared for over five hundred four (504) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:

- 13,496 food items
 - 18,133 non-food items
 - 01,590 medicine and supplements
- Distribution of relief per evacuation centers:

Evacuation Centers	Food Items	Non-Food Items	Medicine and Supplements
Local Government	4,486	5,416	479
Local Church of Lipa	4,832	5,537	1,371
Interfaith and Interreligious	098	037	085
Private Organizations	3,542	4,044	546
TOTAL	8,138	9,968	1,590

B. Psychosocial intervention, liturgy and prayer

- *Eucharistic Adoration* is celebrated every hour starting at 7:00 in the morning and culminating at 9:00 in the evening. Various religious organizations spearhead the activity.
- *Eucharistic Celebration* was celebrated this morning in honor of the patron of the Lipa Archdiocesan Formation Center (LAFORCE) and of the city of Lipa, St. Sebastian.

III. Coordination

- The Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. is working closely with the Provincial Government of Batangas, specifically with its social welfare and development office. The affected population are composed of 69,549 families or 297,653 individuals in evacuation. There are already 504 evacuation centers as listed by command center.
- The Most Reverend Archbishop Gilbert Garcera and Rev. Fr. Jayson Siapco had a coordination meeting with the principals, school head and focal persons of various educational institution in the province for the purpose of disseminating situation overview and notifications for volunteer response.
- The Networking and Information cluster had a coordination meeting with the Social Communications Commission of the Archdiocese for synchronization and sharing of information, along with the mainstreaming of situation reports.
- The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has requested for medicines and food supplement to augment the supply in evacuation centers. This has been coordinated with the Commission on Healthcare.

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. Bishop Joel Z. Baylon of the Diocese of Legazpi
 2. Rev. Fr. Manoling Francisco of Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU)
 3. Caritas Manila
 4. UNILAB Philippines
 5. Globe Telecom Philippines
 6. Camillian Sisters of Quezon City
 7. The Diocese of San Jose de Antique
 8. **The Diocese of Nueva Ecija** has pledged a solidarity share of ₱100,000.00 to the Archdiocese of Lipa for humanitarian aid and early recovery.

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.

A coordination meeting notification was sent by Rev. Fr. Ildefonso Dimaano to the Director of LASAC for synchronization, sharing and dissemination of pertinent materials and data with the Networking and Information Cluster (formerly Cooperation Cluster). The meeting took place in the Media Conference Room at 10:00 in the morning.

VI. Photos





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