



LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 16

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

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

A total of 714 volcanic earthquakes were plotted in Taal region since 1:00 in the afternoon of January 12, 2020 up to present, of which, 176 were felt, ranging from Magnitude 1.2 – 4.1 and Intensity of I – V. Activity in the main crater in the past 24 hours has been characterized by steady steam emission and infrequent weak explosions that generated ash plumes 500 to 1000 meters tall and dispersed ash southwest of the Main Crater.

Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission was measured at an average of 4353 tonnes/day. **Alert Level 4 remains in effect over Taal Volcano** which means that hazardous explosive eruption is expected within hours or days. The cracks found in the streets of Batangas may get worse if a stronger eruption happens in Taal Volcano. These cracks called fissures were found in several barangays in Sinisian, Mahabang Dahilig, Dayapan, Palanas, Sangalang, Poblacion, Mataas na Bayan in Lemery, Pansipit, Bilibinwang, Agoncillo, Poblacion 1235 in Talisay, and Poblacion in San Nicolas in Batangas. The fissures caused several houses to partially collapse following the steam-driven and magmatic eruptions that have been happening since January 12.

Local authorities strongly reiterate the 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 west and southwest of the Main Crater; if the eruption plume rises between three (3) to five (5) km ash will also be drifted to parts of Cavite province; however, if a major eruption occurs during the day and the eruption column exceeds 5 km, ash will also be drifted over Metro Manila, Laguna, and some parts of Rizal

and Northern Quezon. Residents around the volcano are advised to guard against the effects of heavy and prolonged ashfall.

B. Rapid Assessment

- *High-risk cities and municipalities.* There are fourteen (14) identified high-risk areas along with twenty (20) parishes contained in the hazard map. These are as follows:

Area	Parish
1. Agoncillo	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Miraculous Medal
2. Alitagtag	Invencion dela Sta. Cruz
3. Balete	Nuestra Señora de la Paz
4. Cuenca	San Isidro (Poblacion)
5. Laurel	Immaculate Conception
6. Lemery	Visitation of the BVM (Payapa) Mahal na Poon (Matinggain)
7. Lipa City	San Vicente Ferrer (Banay-banay) Sto. Niño (Pinagtong-ulan)
8. Malvar	Immaculate Conception
9. Mataasnakahoy	Immaculate Conception
10. San Nicolas	San Nicolas de Tolentino
11. Sta. Teresita	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
12. Taal	Basilica of St. Martin of Tours Our Lady of Caysasay
13. Talisay	San Guillermo
14. Tanauan City	Queen of All Saints Flight of the Holy Family to Egypt St. Augustine

- *Canonical Demographics.* There are a total number of nineteen (19) parishes affected comprised of twenty-three (23) parish priests in twelve (12) municipalities and two (2) cities.
- *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 sixty-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 ₱7,021,181.00 while cash donations amounted to ₱3,726,725.50.
- A total number of 20,527 relief service packs were disbursed and shared for over five hundred four (504) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:
 - 8,117 food items
 - 9,908 non-food items
 - 2,421 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	910	1,227	1,311
Interfaith and Interreligious	098	037	085
Private Organizations	2,644	3,288	546
TOTAL	8,138	9,968	2,421

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.

(cont.) 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** launched *Ayuda kan Albay*, (*literal translation is Tulong ng Albay*) a donation scheme urging parishes, schools and communities to conduct relief aid drives – in cash and in kind – in behalf of evacuees in Batangas and Cavite.
 2. **Rev. Fr. Manoling Francisco of Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU)** through Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB) shall disburse 1,400 family packs, along with 1,000 packs of 5kgs of rice, 100 boxes of canned food, diapers, medicines and pre-loved clothing.
 3. **Caritas Manila** has embarked on a special telethon fundraising which garnered a 2,742,315 worth of pledges in cash for Batangas. 1,506,008 of which has already been collected by the former.
 4. **UNILAB Philippines** has delivered 500 boxes of assorted medicines and will further disburse 1.1 million worth of prescription medicines for coordination with the Commission on Healthcare.

5. **Globe Telecom Philippines** will be providing sim cards and free text messaging services for duly enrolled volunteers as coordinated with Archbishop Garcera.
6. **Camillian Sisters of Quezon City** has offered to share food items and supplements for children. They have also expressed future coordination with the Commission on Healthcare for mobile clinic.
7. **The Diocese of San Jose de Antique** 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. Ildelfonso 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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