



LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 22

PROGRAMME TITLE	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
PROGRAMME LOCATION	Province of Batangas
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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 weak to moderate emission of white steam-laden plumes 50 to 500 meters high from the Main Crater that drifted southwest. Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission was measured at an average of 141 tonnes/day.

The Philippine Seismic Network (PSN) plotted a total of seven hundred thirty-one (731) volcanic earthquakes since 1:00 PM, January 12, 2020. One hundred seventy-six (176) of these registered at magnitudes M1.2-M4.1 and were felt at Intensities I-V. Since 5:00 AM on January 22, 2020 until 5:00 AM today, there were six (6) volcanic earthquakes plotted that registered at magnitudes M1.5-M3.4 with no felt event.

For the past 24 hours, the Taal Volcano Network, which can record small earthquakes undetectable by the PSN, recorded four hundred sixty-seven (467) volcanic earthquakes including eight (8) low-frequency earthquakes. Such intense 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. Based on PAGASA wind forecast, if the eruption plume remains below five (5) km, ash will be drifted to the municipalities west and northwest of the Main Crater; however, if a major eruption occurs during the day and the

eruption column exceeds 7 km, ash will also be drifted over some parts of Laguna and Quezon provinces. Residents around the volcano are advised to guard against the effects of heavy and prolonged ash fall. 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.

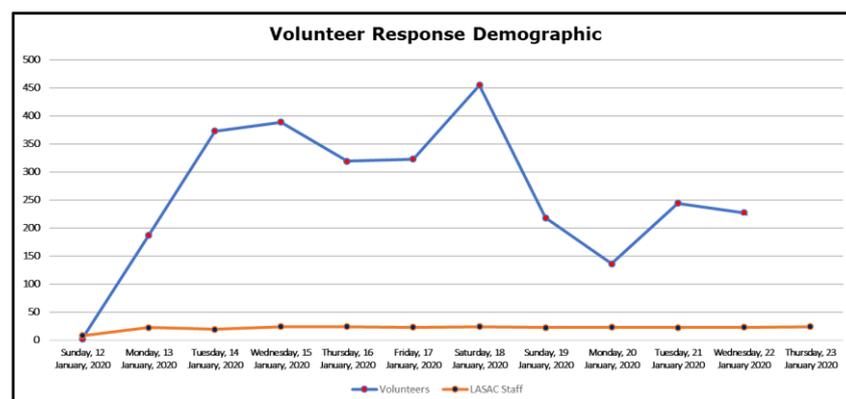
B. Rapid Assessment

- There is an aeta community in San Luis, comprised of sixty-seven (67) families made-up of 299 individuals. A preliminary coordination with the local government, along with the parish in the area towards the chieftain has been in effect for imminent rescue consent.

C. Volunteer Management

- Volunteer Response.* The number of volunteers was recorded this morning, with one hundred one (101) persons in attendance as compared to yesterday's 227 persons.

The dwindling response of volunteers may have been directly correlated with the recent advisory from the provincial government that classes will resume for all students under the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) starting today, January 23, 2020, specifically, all schools outside the fourteen kilometer (14km) radius.



Volunteers are deployed in clusters. These are then assigned to various committees, among others: Networking and Information, Volunteer Management, Donation and Funding Support, Healthcare, In-House and Technical Assistance.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱12,551,815.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱4,814,388.76.
- A total number of 51,841 relief service packs were disbursed and shared for over five hundred fifty-five (555) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:

B. Psychosocial intervention, liturgy and prayer

- A paraliturgy and morning prayer has been initiated by the volunteers to jumpstart the day. The Eucharistic Adoration is attended by various religious organizations from 7:00 in the morning to 9:00 in the evening.

III. Coordination

- Most Rev. Jose Colin Bagaforo of NASSA/Caritas Philippines shall visit the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center and concelebrate mass with the Archbishop of Lipa.
- A proposal for humanitarian response has been conceptualized with NASSA/Caritas Philippines for Coca Cola Foundation, Inc. This shall be forwarded to the latter's office in Atlanta.
- The Junior Chambers International (JCI) has coordinated with LASAC for ascertaining needs of the most deprived IDPs in remote evacuation center.

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. The Diocese of Antipolo has successfully donated ₱136,870.00 for the survivors. This will specifically be utilized for camp management and WASH.
 2. The Diocese of Malolos, San Isidro Labrador Parish, Pulilan, Bulacan and San Lorenzo Ruiz Charity, Inc. thru Rev. Fr. Mario Jose C. Ladra, expressed their solidarity through a generous donation of three (3) trucks containing food and non-food items, coursed through LASAC for the Taal survivors.
- 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. Rubber mats
 2. Portalets
 3. N-95 masks
 4. Hygiene kits
 - 5 Tents and shelter materials
 6. Sleeping kits
 7. Nebulizer kits
 8. Ready-to-eat food packs
 9. Medicines (anti - hypertension, cough, remedies, antihistamine, anti-vertigo)
 10. Bottled waters

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.

To make massive the dissemination of information, an update from the command center shall be issued every three (3) hours on-air, per the latest communication with the Archdiocesan Social Communications Commission through Rev. Fr. Idefonso Dimaano.

VI. Photos



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