

LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 41

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

A. Taal Volcano Bulletin

There has been an upward trend in volcanic activities today, with over eighteen (18) harmonic tremors recorded by state seismologists. A harmonic tremor is a type of volcanic earthquake where the shaking is prolonged. International geological agencies have stated that harmonic tremors often precede or accompany volcanic eruptions.

Date	Volcanic Earthquake	Harmonic Tremor	Tremor	Low-Frequency Earthquake	SO ₂ Emission
Jan. 30	110	1	24	2	≠
Jan. 31	56	0	13	0	65tons
Feb. 01	182	1	0	1	65tons
Feb. 02	153	0	0	2	97tons
Feb. 03	134	0	0	2	97tons
Feb. 04	223	1	0	8	231tons
Feb. 05	156	18	0	2	55tons
TREND	↑	↑	↔	↓	↑

The command center further relies on the interpretation of state seismologists that these earthquakes signify magmatic activity beneath the Taal edifice that could lead to eruptive activity at the Main Crater. **Alert Level 3 remains in effect over Taal volcano island**, which means that there is still high probability of eruptive explosion that poses real hazards and high risks to health, life and property.

B. Rapid Assessment

- *Government-data.* Per the latest disaster response operations monitoring and information center (DROMIC) of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), the following

are the latest aggregates of internally displaced persons (IDPs) majority of which are from the *pulo* and from towns within the seven-kilometer (7km) danger zone:

INSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
54,216	5,463	203,610	19,382

Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC 2 Report (02/03/2020) as of 11:00am.

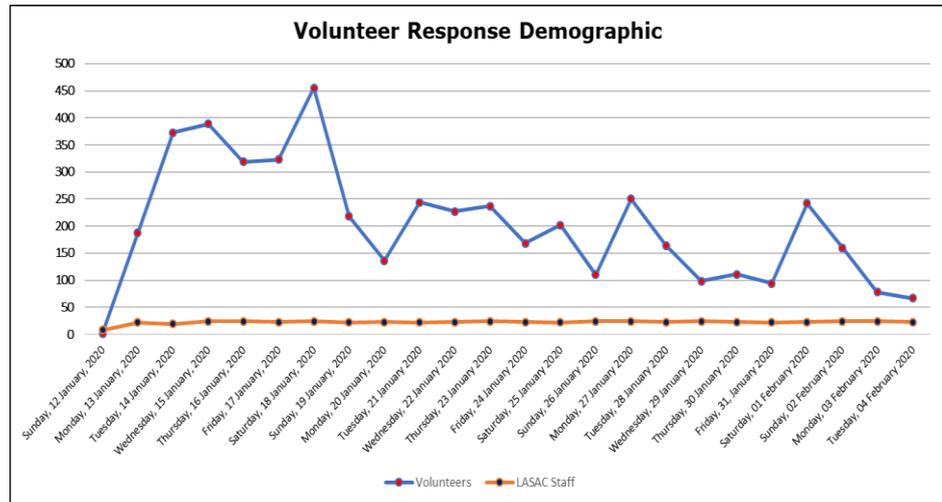
OUTSIDE EVACUATION CENTERS			
Families		Persons	
Before	Now	Before	Now
60,376	40,447	221,814	147,866

Source: PSWDO Batangas, DROMIC 2 Report (02/03/2020) as of 11:00am.

- *Rapid Assessment Team.* This mission to ground zero has determined the very needs of affected families and communities in preparation to the early recovery phase of the rehabilitation response of the Archdiocese.
- *Displacement.* While most of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been registered in their host municipalities, there seems to be no clear and reliable aggregation according to age, sex, and vulnerabilities.
- *Data Privacy.* The misunderstanding of the Data Privacy Law hinders the effective sharing of shareable data (e.g. statistics). Long term response and recovery programs shall be stalled by the non-availability of these critical data.
- *Hidden Traumas.* IDPs are not talking about it, but their gaze are screaming out loud about the future of their children, the livelihood to support them, and certainty as to where and how they would rebuild their lives again.

C. Volunteer Management

- *Decrease in Volunteer Response.* A continuous decrease in trend was recorded this evening, with 67 persons in attendance from yesterday's 78 registered volunteers.



In spite of the decreasing trend, the spirit of volunteerism is still very much enkindled among our young people. Most of the volunteers have opted to return to the command center after their classes, rendering their generous service to the Church.

II. Response

A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱27,828,913.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱11,342,979.83.
- A total number of 104,111 families comprised of 548,770 individuals benefitted from the humanitarian efforts and relief services of the Archdiocese for over forty-nine (49) parish-based evacuation centers. categorized are the following:

Evacuation Category	Families	Individuals
Local Government	37,865	164,589
Archdiocese of Lipa	59,114	350,595
Interfaith and Interreligious	1,336	4,555
Private Organizations	5,671	27,696
TOTAL	104,111	548,770

B. Healthcare and Psychosocial Intervention

- *Inventory and Repacking.* In order to ascertain the supply of medicines and to provide accurate record of medical stocks, the Commission on Healthcare has repacked and organized these items for a speedy facilitating of requests.

C. Liturgy and Prayer

- *For the feast of St. Agatha,* a Eucharistic celebration was celebrated today at the St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr Chapel by Rev. Fr. Arnel de Villa.

In his homily, he reflected on the courage and gentleness of St. Agatha, and has recalled an instance when her prayers have prevented a super volcano from destroying an entire city. In like manner, he associates that situation with the present struggle of the whole province. He reminded the faithful that prayers are never unheard but are always fulfilled in the light of God's will.

III. Coordination

A. Internal

No significant update.

B. External

- The following organizations have coordinated their humanitarian response to the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center:
 - St. Andrew Parish of Makati City
 - Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation, Inc.
 - Diocese of Zambales
 - Immaculate Conception Parochial School of Malabon
 - Diocese of Cubao

IV. Pledges and Contributions

- In response to the expression of support and intent to help, along with the needs of the survivors who returned temporarily in their respective areas, in consideration of the Taal relief efforts and early recovery phase, we encourage the donation of the following items:

1. Shovel, digging bars, brooms and sacks for ashes
2. Pressure washers, water filters and water hose
3. N-95 masks and surgical masks
4. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) items
5. Medicines (anti-hypertension, cough remedies, antihistamine, anti-vertigo)

V. Media and Communications

Two (2) updates given on air via social communications were actualized today. The first was given at noonday while the second was reported late in the afternoon. This is to further mainstream the situation report, along with pertinent information and advisories.

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