

## **LASAC SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) NO. 32**

<b>PROGRAMME TITLE</b>	Taal Volcano Eruption, Batangas Province, PH.
<b>PROGRAMME LOCATION</b>	Province of Batangas
<b>DATE COVERED</b>	January 28, 2020 (as of 10:00 am)
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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 voluminous emission of white to dirty white steam-laden plumes 100 - 800 meters tall that drifted southwest. Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emission was below instrumental detection.

The Philippine Seismic Network (PSN) plotted a total of seven hundred fifty-five (755) 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 27, 2020 until 5:00 AM today, there were three (3) volcanic earthquakes plotted that registered at magnitudes M1.5-M2.2 with no felt event.

For the past 24 hours, the Taal Volcano Network, which can record small earthquakes undetectable by the PSN, recorded ninety-two (92) volcanic earthquakes including four (4) low-frequency events. These earthquakes signify magmatic activity beneath the Taal edifice that could lead to eruptive activity at the Main Crater.

Alert Level 3 is maintained over Taal Volcano. DOST-PHIVOLCS reminds the public that sudden steam-driven and even weak phreatomagmatic explosions, volcanic earthquakes, ashfall, and lethal volcanic gas expulsions can still occur and threaten areas within Taal Volcano Island and nearby lakeshores. DOST-PHIVOLCS recommends that entry into the Taal Volcano Island as well as into areas over Taal Lake and communities west of the island within a seven (7) km radius from the Main Crater must be strictly

prohibited. Local government units are advised to assess areas outside the seven-kilometer radius for damages and road accessibilities and to strengthen preparedness, contingency and communication measures in case of renewed unrest. People are also advised to observe precautions due to ground displacement across fissures, frequent ashfall and minor earthquakes.

Communities beside active river channels particularly where ash from the main eruption phase has been thickly deposited should increase vigilance when there is heavy and prolonged rainfall since the ash can be washed away and form lahars along the channels. Civil aviation authorities must advise pilots to avoid flying close to the volcano as airborne ash and ballistic fragments from sudden explosions and wind-remobilized ash may pose hazards to aircrafts. DOST-PHIVOLCS is closely monitoring Taal Volcano's activity and any new significant development will be immediately communicated to all stakeholders.

## **B. Rapid Assessment**

- Since yesterday, most of the returning families have started their cleaning and fixing. Among the observation of the surge team is the state of shock which still persists in most severely affected households, especially upon their return, having witnessed the massive destruction of shelter and public infrastructure especially in the municipalities of Lemery, Taal and Mataasnakahoy.
- Local government agencies warn against the risks and hazards of existing debris and fissures. The extent of damage is presently being assessed and an initial estimate of 22,000 households for resettlement has been identified.

## **C. Volunteer Management**

- The Couples for Christ, along with their network of volunteers are now on their second day of apostolate at the Malasakit para sa Batangas Command Center. They are clustered into several working groups for efficient discharge of duties.
- Despite the recent resume of classes, the trend of volunteer response is gradually increasing as various church and civic

groups participate in relief services and continuous technical needs assessment rendered by the command center.

## II. Response

### A. Incoming and Outgoing Relief

- In-kind relief has a monetized value of ₱17,611,050.80 while cash donations amounted to ₱8,006,978.16.
- A total number of 353,459 individuals benefitted from the humanitarian efforts and relief services of the Archdiocese for eight hundred fifty-two (852) evacuation centers all over the province. Further categorized are the following:

<b>Evacuation Category</b>	<b>Reliefs disbursed by RCAL for Individuals</b>
Local Government	144,713
Archdiocese of Lipa	177,804
Interfaith and Interreligious	4,138
Private Organizations	26,804
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353,459</b>

### B. Healthcare and Psychosocial Intervention

- Over 150 families have benefitted at the medical mission conducted in the multi-purpose hall of Brgy. Lumbang, Lipa City this morning, spearheaded by the Commission on Healthcare, in partnership with medical doctors from Bauan and Lipa.
- A psychological first aid (PFA) has also been administered in the same area by three (3) PFA providers. Psychosocial processing has been given for adults in the form of small group discussions and animation. For children and young people, the facilitation of games and basic artworks proved to be salutary.

### C. Liturgy and Prayer

- The Eucharistic adoration has resumed today at 8:00 in the morning, attended by the Missionary Sisters of Catechism and various religious organizations and volunteers. This is spearheaded by Sr. Senen Castor, MCSH.

### **III. Coordination**

- The humanitarian response of the Archdiocese was made more efficient by the coordination and support of the following:
  - Basilica and Parish of St. Martin of Tours
  - Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Heart
  - Couples for Christ (Rosario and San Juan Cluster)
  - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Legazpi through its social action commission, shall be visiting the command center on February 04, 2020.

### **IV. Pledges and Contributions**

- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bayombong has donated ₱100,000.00 for continuous relief and rehabilitation efforts.
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tarlac has prepared and prepositioned food and non-food items for severely affected households in the Archdiocese of Lipa.
- 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. Pressure washers
  2. Family food packs
  3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) items
  4. Medicines (anti-hypertension, cough remedies, antihistamine, anti-vertigo)

### **V. Media and Communications**

A situation update was relayed this morning by Sr. Angel Bolor, MCSH at Radio Veritas and DW-ALFM 95.9 Radyo Totoo sa Batangas via phone patch. The latter has shared the stand-down procedures issued by PHIVOLCS-DOST concerning the downgrading of Alert levels which may take two (2) weeks after the recent reduction from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3 last Sunday, two (2) days ago.

Per recent coordination with the Catholic Media Network and Radyo Bayanihan, a three-hour interval shall be given for the dissemination of updates on-air and via livestream.

## VI. Photos



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