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# **NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION & MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## NDRRMC UPDATE

Incidents Monitored Covering the Period September 30 - October 7, 2010

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Source/s: OCDRCs IV-B & CAR, PNP PPSC MIndoro, PDCC Or. Mindoro & MGB CAR

#### I. Situation Overview

## Flashflood in Oriental Mindoro

- The continuous heavy rains that prevailed from 7:00 PM, October 7 to 6:00 AM, October 8 triggered the occurrence of flashflood in the municipalities of Socorro and Pinamalayan
- Nine (9) barangays had been affected: two (2) in Pinamalayan and seven (7) in Socorro
- As of 11:30 AM today, 8 October 2010, the public market of Poblacion Socorro was still under water with floodwater ranging from one foot to knee deep. Meanwhile floodwaters in two (2) barangays of Pinamalayan have already subsided
- So far, there has been no report of casualties and evacuees and damages to agriculture and infrastructure are still undetermined

#### Action Taken:

OCDRC IV-B is coordinating with PDRRMC Oriental Mindoro, Provincial Disaster Response Team, DSWD IV-B, DOH IV-B, PNP PRO IV-B re effects of the said incident.

### Mining Incident in Itogon, Benguet

On or about 7:00 AM, 30 September 2010. a group of small scale miners entered the portal of Antamok Mine Tunnel to extract ore at level 400 ft but one of the miners, accidentally fell into the 700 ft vertical shaft which is declared by Mines and Geosciences Bureau as "NO MINING ZONE"

#### **Chronology of Actions Taken**

- Miners trained on basic rescue conducted six (6) days rescue operation but proved negative. They were able to reach the 700 ft but aborted the rescue operation at once due to lack of proper gear (diving suit) for underground operations
- Since the situation was not within the capacity of the miners, it was reported to OCD-CAR on October 6, 2010. Immediately, the Crisis Manager advised OCD CAR to seek help from the Naval Forces in La Union and wait for the advise on the deployment of diving personnel
- On October 8, 2010, a 7-man team from Naval Special Operations Unit 2 (NAVSOU) reported to OCD CAR Operations Center for briefing on the situation before they proceeded to the disaster site
- NAVSOU team leader will personally assess the situation at level 400 ft prior to descending the 700 ft level which is full of cold water to scour the area. as safety of the team is of extreme importance.
- Retrieval operations for the missing person identified as Antonio Ambonon, 29 yrs old, is still on going