


# NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## NDRRMC UPDATE

### Status of Relief and Rehabilitation Operations in Jolo, Sulu

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## I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

### A. BACKGROUND

- ❖ The Low Pressure Area (LPA) which prevailed since January 31, 2011 to February 07, 2011 brought heavy rains in Sulu and Tawi-Tawi that triggered the occurrence of flashfloods, big waves and storm surge which affected 14 barangays in the municipalities of Jolo, Patikul, Hadji Panglima Tahil, Old Panamao and Pangutaran. The water level reached up to 9 feet submerging most areas of Jolo and parts of Patikul

#### **Affected and Evacuated Population**

- ❖ A total of **5,494 families / 27,637 persons** were affected in **14 barangays** of five (5) municipalities in Sulu Province: Jolo (6), Hadji Panglima Tahil (4), Old Panamao (1), Pangutaran (1) and Patikul (2) were affected by flashfloods and storm surge. More or less 4,816 families / 24,247 persons stayed with relatives and friends/outside evacuation centers

#### **Casualties**

- ❖ **Seven (7) persons were reported dead** identified as Abraham Pagun, 1 yr. old; Kurais Sappayne, 72 yrs. old; Kasma Alih, 13 yrs. old; Kristina Abduhadi, 12 yrs. old; Uling Taradji, 49 yrs. old; Rolando Aglosolos, 53 yrs. old, and one (1) unidentified male victims, all due to flashflood and **163 Injured: 62** confined at IPH-Sulu and **101** treated by IPH-Sulu as outpatients

#### **Houses and Public Infrastructures Damaged**

- ❖ A total of **2,029 houses** were reported damaged (**552 totally and 1,600 partially**) while damage to public infrastructure such as: Railings along Asturias open canal; Jolo National High School fence; Sali Ututalum Elementary School fence; and Hadji Butu School of Arts and Trade fence was placed at **PhP32,055,000.00**

## II. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

- ❖ His Excellency President Benigno Aquino III, together with Secretaries of DSWD, DILG and DND/Chairman, NDRRMC, Edwin Lacierda, Presidential

Spokesperson; and Executive Director, NDRRMC/Administrator, OCD visited Sulu Province to personally see the ongoing relief operations in the province

- ❖ **Sulu PDRRMC and Jolo MDRRMC** conducted a joint emergency meeting on February 04, 2011; assessed the extent of damages; and discussed appropriate responses to be undertaken
- ❖ **OCD BASULTA Office** facilitated the request of DSWD IX for a navy vessel (NAVFORSOUTH) from the Western Mindanao Command which transported/ferried the relief goods from Zamboanga City to Jolo, Sulu
- ❖ **SA Santos joined with AFP WESTMINCOM Commander LGen Raymundo Ferrer and Gov. Abdusakur Tan**, conducted aerial survey in Jolo, Sulu via chopper
- ❖ **Jolo Emergency Rescue Network (JERN), Red Cross, D'Alert Lupah Sug and Suara Lupah Sug** assisted ACC Sulu in monitoring the situation
- ❖ **AFP Task Force Comet** composed of **PAF-TOG, PN, Philippine Marines, PA and PNP, PNP Special Action Force (PNP SAF), BFP, Sulu PEO, SULECO and PCG** assisted in the rescue operations in the province of **Sulu**

## HEALTH

- ❖ **ARMM Governor Ansaruddin Adiong (CHD-ARMM)** provided assorted drugs, medicines and supplies through **Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) of Sulu province worth PhP200,000.00** and transported through the assistance of AFP
- ❖ **CHD-ARMM** conducted consultation and treatment to the evacuees: 767 persons received Vitamin A, 207 of them are infant and 178 received measles, mumps and rubeola (MMR), 19 were pregnant
- ❖ **In line with the directive of the President, the NDRRMC OpCen facilitated the transport of one (1) unit Mobile Water Treatment with eight (8) staff from the Manila Water Company via PAF C-130 Aircraft on February 23, 2011 to address the problem on water contamination in Jolo**
- ❖ **MDRRMC Jolo conducted briefing and security for MWSS and had a technical visit on site spearheaded by Mayor Amin.**
- ❖ **The Mobile Water Treatment was launched on February 25 at Zone 3 Brgy Tulay and from Feb 25 to March 3, 2011, a total of 64, 000 liters were dispensed to 989 families /beneficiaries in Brgys Tulay, Chinese Pier, Bus-Bus, Takut-Takut, Walled City and Asturias**
- ❖ **The MWSS technicians are currently staying at Peacekeepers Inn and the hotel accommodation is shouldered by OCD Basulta. The relief operations will be terminated by March 15, 2011**

## III. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED to Jolo, Sulu (Details on Tab B)

- ❖ The over-all cost of assistance for Sulu Province from the combined resources of **DSWD, DOH, LGUs, NGOs and Other GOs** has amounted to **PhP8,528,165.26**

### Breakdown (Details on Tab A)

DSWD	- PhP2,586,287.26
LGUs	- PhP4,580,828.00
NGOs and other GOs	- PhP1,161,050.00
DOH	- PhP 200,000.00

- ❖ **DSWD, LGU-Jolo** headed by Mayor Hussin Amin, GOs and NGOs provided immediate relief/food assistance in the form of cooked food, raw food and hot meals to the evacuees/affected families
- ❖ **AFP and PNP ARMM** assisted in the transport/hauling and distribution of relief goods of DSWD IX and provision of hot meals and provided security assistance
- ❖ **Relief goods from DSWD-IX** consisted of 100 cartons of sardines, 150 sacks of rice, 173 cartons and 9 pieces. of noodles in pack, 156 cartons and 36 tins of corned beef, 41 cartons and 40 small box of powdered milk, 179 sacks of used clothing, 130 sacks family packs of food supplies (1,300 packs), 1 generator set and emergency light
- ❖ **Philippine Red Cross** provided 31 tarpaulins to families whose houses were totally damaged ; provided hot meals (porridge and noodles) to 150 families during evacuation and sent assessment team from Red Cross Headquarters
- ❖ **National and Local Emergency Responders**  
**LGUs** - PDRRMC Sulu, MDRRMC Jolo, MDRRMC Patikul, Congressman Tupay Loong, San Raymundo BLGU and Gov. Rommel Jalosjos  
**National and Local Agencies** - AFP Marines, OMA Sulu, Bureau of Customs of Zamboanga City, OCD IX and ARMM, DSWD IX and ARMM , DSWD SULU, PNP Sulu and SAF, JTF COMET (3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Bde), PAF-TOG IX and BFP Sulu  
**NGOs** – PNRC Jolo Jaycees, Sulu Vicariate, ABS-CBN, Sultan Datu Mangundadatu Foundation, Zamboanga - Filipino–Chinese Chamber Sulu and Hannibal Tulawie, JSOTF-P – American Firm  
**Civil Organizations** – Pharma Cares National Service Volunteers, D Alert LUPAG SUG, Jolo Rescue Emergency Network, SUARA PAGHAMBUUK, ALPHA PHI OMEGA, DEMOLAY

#### **IV. DECLARATION OF STATE OF CALAMITY**

- ❖ Mayor Hussin U. Amin declared the Municipality of Jolo under a State of Calamity through Executive Order No.11-004 or SB Resolution No. 124 series of 2011 dated February 07, 2011