

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NDRRMC UPDATE

Incidents Monitored from 31 March to 01 April 2011

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I SITUATION OVERVIEW

A. Initial Report re Forest and Grassland Fire Incident in Ilocos Sur

- On or about 6:00 PM March 31, 2011, a forest/grassland fire occurred along the mountain area of Brgy Banaoang, Bantay, Ilocos Sur. As of 8:00 PM last night, 31 March 2011, the community area with an estimate of 93 houses made of light materials and more or less 113 families were likely to be affected
- The fire razed a big portion of the forest/grass land but it naturally expired by its own. Hence, the threat to communities is now lowered

Actions Taken:

- Since the area is only reachable by foot and could not be accessed by fire trucks, the PDRRMO of Ilocos Sur requested assistance from the BFP Regional Director on the feasibility of deploying air assets, (a helicopter with bungee buckets)
- However, the BFP declined the idea as the wind from the Heli will aggravate the situation and Heli operation is only feasible during daytime
- The Provincial BFP and Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) conducted site assessment and assisted the local community in creating a fire breaker (method of controlling forest fire by plowing soil so that the fire will not reach local houses)
- The fire breaker was already created to secure community from the fire hazard. The Barangay DRRMC and nearby fire stations were already alerted in case the fire will rekindle by itself
- The Provincial Agriculture Office will assess the extent of damage to agriculture

B. Flooding in Balingoan and Talisayan, Misamis Oriental

- On or about April 1, 2011, at 12:15 AM, flooding occurred in Brgy Poblacion, Balingoan, Misamis Oriental due to heavy rains which affected/evacuated 100 families/500 persons. As of reporting time, flood water has already subsided.

Actions Taken

- MDRRMC Balingoan conducted pre-emptive evacuation in low-lying areas and presently housed at the Municipal Gymnasium
- MDRRMC Balingoan provided relief assistance to the evacuees

C. Initial Report re Landslide in Maco, Compostela Valley

- On or about 6:00 PM, March 31, 2011, the Hijo river overflowed due to heavy rains which resulted in the occurrence of landslide in Brgy Masara, Maco, Compostela Valley
- An undetermined number of families pre-evacuated to safer areas
- Roads from Barangay Tagbaros to Barangay Elizalde were damaged and not passable to all types of vehicles. Tagbaros Bridge was also damaged

Actions Taken

- The LGU Maco extended food assistance to the affected families
 - BDRRMCs concerned created an alternate road
 - Conduct of damage and needs assessment and close monitoring of the situation by MDRRMC Maco is ongoing
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