



NDRRMC UPDATE

Preparedness Measures and Effects of the Low Pressure Area

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I. WEATHER SITUATION

Weather Advisory No.1 for: Tail-end of a cold front

On 8 February 2012, the tail-end of a cold front will bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms in Bicol Region, Visayas and Northern Mindanao becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Catanduanes, Albay and Sorsogon which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

Weather Advisory No.2 for: Tail-end of a cold front

On 9 February 2012, the tail-end of a cold front will bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms in Visayas and Northeastern Mindanao becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Negros Provinces, Cebu, Bohol, Siquijor, Zamboanga del Norte and Surigao provinces which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

Meanwhile, a Low Pressure Area (LPA), spotted outside of the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), was estimated at 1,060 km East of Mindanao (7.0°N 137.0°E). The LPA is presently not affecting any part of the country. It is expected to enter the PAR this afternoon.

Weather Advisory No.3 for: Low Pressure Area & Tail-end of a cold front

At 8:00 AM 10 February 2012, a Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 780 km East of Southern Mindanao (7.3°N, 134.0°E).

Both LPA and Tail-end of a cold front will continue to bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms in Mindanao becoming cloudy with widespread rains over Surigao Provinces, Agusan Provinces and Davao Provinces which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

Weather Advisory No.4 for: Low Pressure Area & Tail-end of a cold front

At 8:00 AM 11 February 2012, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 350 km East of Mindanao (7.6°N, 130.0°E).

Both LPA and Tail-end of a cold front will continue to bring cloudy skies with scattered to widespread rains and thunderstorms in Visayas and Northern and Eastern Mindanao which may trigger flashfloods and landslides.

24-Hour Public Weather Forecast

At 2:00 PM 11 February 2012, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 230 km East Southeast of Hinatuan City (7.8°N, 128.5°E).

Southern Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms becoming cloudy with widespread rains

over the Bicol Region, Visayas, and Northern & Eastern Mindanao which may trigger flashfloods and landslides. The rest of Luzon will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers.

Moderate to strong winds blowing from the northeast over Luzon and Visayas and coming from the northeast to northwest over Mindanao. The coastal waters throughout the archipelago will be moderate to rough.

II. EFFECTS

Region CARAGA

- **CDRRMC Surigao** reported that heavy rains continue to batter their AOR
- **LDRRMC Tago, Surigao del Sur** reported that the Tago River is near to overflow. They are now closely monitoring the status of the river as well as alerted the residents for flooding

III. PREPAREDNESS MEASURES UNDERTAKEN

NDRRMC OPERATIONS CENTER

- **NDRRMC Operations Center** is still on RED ALERT STATUS and continuously monitored and disseminated 24 hour Public Weather Forecasts and Weather Advisories to all OCD Regions through SMS, facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels.
- Representatives from PAGASA, DILG, DSWD, DPWH, DOH, PCG, PNP and AFP are present at the NDRRMC OPCEN

NDRRMC MEMBER-AGENCIES

A. PAGASA

- Continuously providing NDRRMC OpCen with updates on Weather Advisories for Tail-end of a Cold Front and Low Pressure Area (LPA), General Flood Advisories, Gale Warning and 24-Hour Weather Forecast
- Detailed PAGASA Personnel at the NDRRMC OpCen for prompt coordination with their bureau especially with the Weather Forecasting Section, Weather Division

B. Department of Health (DOH)

- DOH HEMS Operation Center is still on Code White Alert and informed all Mindanao RHEMS Coordinator; stockpiled available medicines; pre-positioned medical response and health assessment teams; established a health network with PHO, DRRMCs, and DOH Medical Centers; and all DOH Representatives are closely coordinating with respective MDRRMCs

C. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

- DSWD field office staff is closely coordinating with the Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) teams in all the areas under their jurisdiction for any significant reports relative to the weather disturbance
- PMB-DROMIC is closely coordinating with the DSWD-FOs concerned for significant reports caused by this weather disturbance

D. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)

- Continuously disseminate weather updates and advisories to the LGUs; advises MLGOOs (Municipal Local Government Operations Officers) to go on 24-Hour duty and submit reports to DILG regional office if needed; and will implement pre-emptive evacuation in high risk areas if situation demands

E. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

- Instructed the District Engineering Offices of Mindanao deploy Maintenance Point Persons (MPP) on sections prone to flooding and landslides. Likewise, prepare

equipment to be used in the field such as road grader, bulldozer, backhoe, payloaders, and dumptrucks in preparation for the weather disturbance that may hit their area of jurisdiction

F. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)

- Sent out advisories to WESMINCOM and EASTMINCOM and major services; prepared DRTUs; liaised with NDRRMC Operations Center, prepositioned forces
- 8th ID covering the Islands of Cebu, Bohol, Biliran, Leyte and Samar are in close coordination with LGU DRU response units and Regional OCDs with established communication lines for information sharing. Air assets of TOG8, two (2) Philippine Navy boats in Tacloban and Catbalogan, five (5) rubber boats for Samar and Leyte with trained personnel for WASAR and medical team with van ambulance with oxygen tank on board normal goes with DRU together with a fire truck and firemen are on standby

G. Philippine National Police (PNP)

- Directed all PROs to undertake precautionary measures and to submit regular situation reports to the PNP National Operations Center. They were likewise directed to coordinate with their respective RDRRMC and PDRRMC for other preparations

H. BFP

- Issuance of memorandum to all Regional Directors in regions likely to be affected and directing all BFP units personnel to be on standby

I. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)

- Coast Guard Action Center have directed all Coast Guard Districts to ensure high state of preparedness of their respective Stations, Detachments, and Operational Control Units and Disaster Response Assets; directed all District Commanders to take more proactive steps or measures in notifying or recalling fishermen before the onset of or during severe weather conditions

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS

RDRRMC VII

- **OCD VII** immediately issued Weather Advisory related to floods and other water-related disasters to all LDRRMCs, PNP Central Command, TARSIER (Bohol), and Kabalikatan Civic Communication Group
- Regional Response Unit like Central Command – AFP, PNP, PRC, BFP, DPWH, and PCG were placed on heightened alert to allow preposition and mobilization of SAR equipment and volunteers
- **PIA VII** instigate SMS Full Blast Alert in support to the “end to end” early warning system

RDRRMC CARAGA

- **RDRRMC Operation Center** disseminated 24 hour Public Weather Forecast, General Flood Advisory, and Gale Warning through SMS to RDRRMC member agencies, LDRRMCs, and local radio/TV stations in the region.
- **PIA CARAGA** assisted in disseminating advisories to its 172 networks
- LGUs are on blue alert but no evacuation issued
- DILG, DSWD, DOH, DPWH and 36th and 29th IB of the AFP are on stand-by and monitoring the area