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# NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

# NDRRMC UPDATE

Incidents Monitored Covering the Period 161700H – 170800H June 2015

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Source: OCDRC V

# 1. Initial Report on Bulusan Volcano explosion

#### **Situation Overview:**

- At about 11:00 AM, 16 June 2015, Bulusan Volcano generated two steamdriven explosions
- The first event lasted for approximately 10 minutes and produced a kilometerhigh grayish steam and ash plume which drifted towards West Southwest. This was accompanied by rumbling sound heard by local residents of Cogon, Irosin at the West Southwest slopes of the volcano
- Based on seismic record, the second event was smaller and lasted for about a minute
- Alert Level 1 status is maintained over Bulusan Volcano
- There are no reported evacuees and casualties
- Below are the list of schools which suspended their respective classes on 16
   June 2015 due to the phreatic explosions:

CITY / MUNICIPALITY	SCHOOL	LEVEL
Juban, Sorsogon	Bacolod Elementary and High	Elementary
	School (HS)	and HS
	Catanusan Elementary School (ES)	Elementary
	Putting Sapala ES	Elementary
	Buraburan ES	Elementary
Casiguran, Sorsogon	Inlagadian ES	Elementary
	Escuala ES	Elementary
Bulusan, Sorsogon	San Roque ES	Elementary

## **Actions Taken:**

- OCDRC V is still on Blue Alert Status
- OCDRC V deployed personnel at PDRRMO Sorsogon to assist, and to closely monitor the situation
- OCDRC V is in close coordination with PHIVOLCS, Sorsogon PDRRMO and all LGUs concerned on the effects of the recent ash explosion
- OCDRC V turned over 3,000 pieces of face masks to PDRRMO Sorsogon

- DSWD V prepositioned family food packs for the municipalities of Irosin, Casiguran, and Juban
- DEPED Sorsogon immediately conducted actual on-site ocular monitoring in pre-identified hazard areas in the affected barangays in the municipalities of Inlagadian, Casiguran, and Juban
- PDRRMO Sorsogon alerted concerned MDRRMOs and reminded the possibility of activating their respective Contingency Plans for volcanic eruption
- PDRRMO Sorsogon dispatched two (2) teams from the Search and Rescue to further conduct an onsite evaluation
- DRRMOs have already alerted the communities within the 4-km Permanent Danger Zone