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NDRRMC UPDATE

Final Report re Preparedness Measures for Tropical Depression "DOMENG" (PEIPAH)

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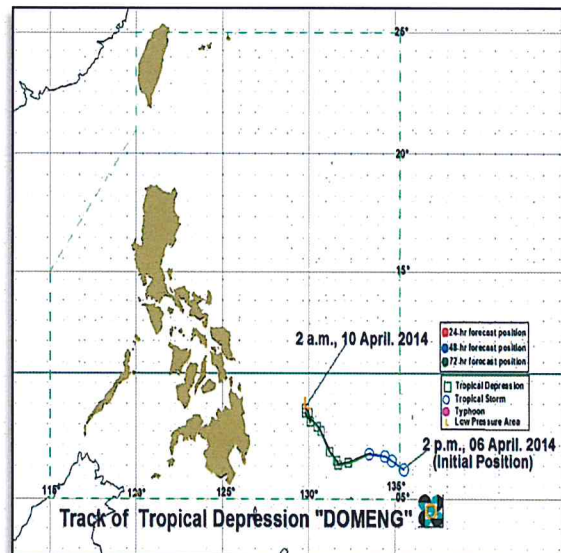
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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

A. Chronology and Tropical Cyclone Track

06 April 2014

- At 4:00 PM, the Tropical Storm (TS) located at the east of Southern Mindanao is about to enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) and will be named "DOMENG". The center was at 1,020 km east of General Santos City and moved west northwestward.
- At 10:00 PM, TS Domeng maintained its strength and continued to move in east northwest direction with maximum winds of 65 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 80 kph.



07 April 2014

- At 10:00 AM, Tropical Storm "DOMENG" continued to move in a west northwest direction.
- At 10:00 PM, "DOMENG" slowed down and downgraded to Tropical Depression (TD) as it continued to move towards the general direction of CARAGA.

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- At 10:00 PM, TD "DOMENG" was at 410 km east of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur and continued to move slowly in a northwest direction with maximum winds of 55 kph near the center.

09 April 2014

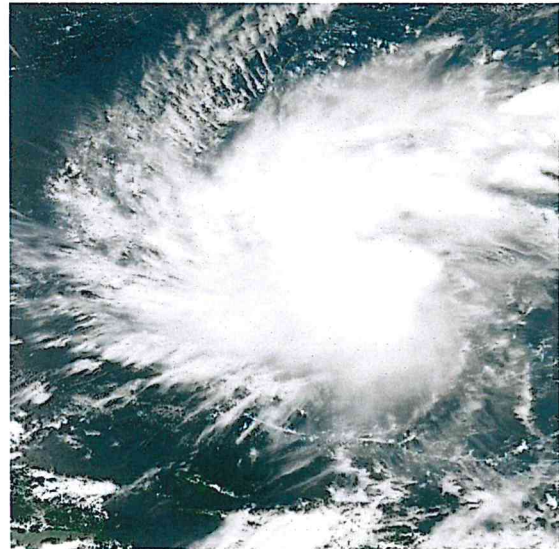
- At 10:00 AM, Tropical Depression "DOMENG" continued to track northwestward while maintaining its intensity.
- At 10:00 PM, "DOMENG" maintained its northwest track with maximum sustained winds of 55 kph.

10 April 2014

- At 4:00 AM, TD "DOMENG" weakened into a Low Pressure Area (LPA) and was at 350 km east of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

B. Tropical Cyclone Analysis

"DOMENG" was already a tropical storm with maximum sustained winds of 65 kph near the center and gustiness of 80 kph before it entered the PAR and as it entered the PAR, tropical cyclone warning level was issued. It then moved west northwest at 20 kph in the general direction of Northeastern Mindanao and Leyte area.



In the evening of 07 April 2014, it weakened into a tropical depression as it slowed down at 15 kph on the same direction. "DOMENG" veered to the northwest direction as it moved slowly at 5 kph until 09 April 2014. It weakened into a low pressure area in the morning of 10 April 2014 while it was still over the Philippine Sea.

"DOMENG" stayed for five (5) days from 06 – 10 April 2014. No Public Storm Warning Signal (PSWS) was hoisted.

II. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

A. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)

1. NDRRM Operations Center

- a. Raised its status into BLUE ALERT on 06 April 2014, for continuous monitoring and dissemination of General Flood Advisories, Weather Bulletins, and 24-Hour Public Weather Forecasts to all RDRRMCs/OCDRCs through SMS, facsimile, and websites for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels; and directed RDRRMCs concerned through the OCD Regional Centers to undertake precautionary measures in their respective areas of responsibilities (AOR).

2. DOST - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA)

- a. Continuously monitored the situation and disseminated weather bulletins and flood advisories.

3. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)

- a. Prepositioned firetrucks and uniformed personnel in Regions VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, and ARMM.

4. Department of Health (DOH)

- a. Directed Operation Centers in Regions IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, and ARMM to continuously monitor the weather situation in their AOR for any untoward incidents.
- b. Prepositioned assorted drugs and medicines.
- c. Raised Code White Alert Status in Regions VIII, X, XI, XII, and CARAGA.
- d. Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) Operations Center issued Weather Alert Memorandum to all Centers for Health Development (CHDs) for information and possible actions.

5. National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP)

- a. Implemented the necessary preparations and precautions including the reliability of communication equipment, availability of hardware materials and supplies, and positioning of line crews in strategic areas to facilitate immediate restoration work.

6. Philippine National Police (PNP)

- a. Directed regional directors and Police Regional Offices (PROs) IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI, XIII, and NCRPO to undertake precautionary measures for the possible effects of TD "Domeng".

B. REGIONAL / LOCAL DRRMCs

RDRRMCs/OCDRCs IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI, CARAGA, and ARMM continuously disseminated General Flood Advisories and Severe Weather Bulletins issued by PAGASA to the local DRRMCs (provincial, city, and municipal levels) through SMS and facsimile; advised local DRRMCs to undertake precautionary measures and initiate pre-emptive evacuation of their constituents in low-lying areas if necessary; activated their respective operation centers at the regional and provincial levels for timely and continuous dissemination of NDRRMC advisories to all concerned local DRRMCs, RDRRMC member-agencies, and tri-media through facsimile and SMS; alerted concerned response agencies; prepositioned their respective assets in strategic areas; continuously monitored the situations in their respective areas of responsibility; and alerted their respective emergency responders for possible conduct of evacuation and relief operations.

1. RDRRMC IV-B

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) IV-B

- a. Alerted Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) Team staff and Quick Response Teams (QRTs) in their respective provinces and prepared food packs for possible relief operation.

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) IV-B

- a. Activated District DRRM Teams to monitor status of national roads and bridges.

Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Districts Palawan and Southern Tagalog

- a. Placed all stations and sub-stations under heightened alert status.
- b. Placed deployed floating assets on standby.
- c. Directed to prepare deployable response teams for immediate dispatch.

- d. Coordinated with local executives in their AOR and advised all their constituents especially those who are residing in coastal municipalities and low-lying areas to be prepared.
- e. Advised all fishing companies and local fishermen not to venture out to the sea and recall those fishermen who already left the ports.
- f. Coordinated with the local P/C/MDRRMCs for a unified response for any eventualities.

2. RDRRMC VII

- a. Ensured sustainability of services in evacuation centers and identified alternative evacuation centers for longer utilization.
- b. Prepositioned SAR assets and equipment.
- c. Activated and assured the adequacy of local DRRMC rescue teams in strategic locations.
- d. Improvised disaster and rescue equipment (tire interior as floater, bamboo raft, etc).
- e. Provided reserves for communication, power, mobility, water, food, clothing, and medicines.

Provincial/City/Municipal DRRMCs

- a. Claimed the leadership role for the following: conduct of information drive, pre-emptive evacuation of residents, and use of local DRRM fund to sustain disaster operations.

3. RDRRMC VIII

- a. Conducted monitoring of cities and municipalities along the coast of Tacloban to the Southern part of Leyte.

Provincial/City/Municipal DRRMCs

- a. MDRRMC Abuyog, Leyte closely monitored the weather situation.
- b. MDRRMC St. Bernard, Southern Leyte continuously monitored landslide and flood-prone areas.

4. RDRRMC X

PCG District Northern Mindanao (Cagayan de Oro)

- a. Placed all stations and sub-stations under heightened alert status.
- b. Placed deployed floating assets on standby.
- c. Directed to prepare deployable response teams for immediate dispatch.
- d. Coordinated with local executives in their AOR and advised all their constituents especially those who are residing in coastal municipalities and low-lying areas to be prepared.
- e. Advised all fishing companies and local fishermen not to venture out to the sea and recall those fishermen who already left the ports.
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Provincial/City/Municipal DRRMCs

- a. PDRRMCs Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, and Misamis Oriental activated their Operations Centers into "BLUE ALERT" status and identified families who are at risk to flooding and landslide in their AOR for the possible conduct of pre-emptive evacuation.
- b. PDRRMC Bukidnon personnel / responders were placed on alert status.
- c. PDRRMC Camiguin activated the PDRRMC committees and conducted assessment / inventory of resources.

- d. PDRRMC Lanao del Norte activated contingency plans evacuation centers, prepared food items for potential conduct of pre-emptive evacuation, and emergency response teams / units with SAR and medical equipment were put on standby for any eventualities.
- e. PDRRMC Misamis Occidental Radio Communication Organizations were on monitoring status, Misamis Occidental Search and Rescue team (MOSART) were placed on standby, and notified DRRMC Members to convene a meeting and formulate plan of actions
- f. PDRRMC Misamis Oriental Chairperson ordered to dispatch equipment to hazard prone areas and notified DRRMC members to formulate plan of actions and convene a meeting.
- g. CDRRMC Malaybalay, Bukidnon alerted the public for the possible effects of TD “Domeng” and placed responders on standby.
- h. CDRRMC Valencia, Bukidnon continuously disseminated weather advisories to 13 barangays, alerted all emergency responders and NGOs, and continuously monitored rain gauges.
- i. CDRRMC Cagayan de Oro disseminated weather advisories and continuously monitored the weather condition/situation.
- j. CDRRMC Iligan advised people who are living in flood-prone areas to be on alert and rescue units were placed on standby status.
- k. CDRRMC Gingoog, Misamis Oriental sent radio broadcast to alert the public, alerted all response and frontline agencies, prepositioned equipment for any eventualities, and alerted all low-lying areas, coastal, and landslide-prone communities.
- l. CDRRMC Ozamiz, Misamis Occidental advised 51 barangays to alert their BDRRMC Operations Centers on the imminent threat of the tropical depression.

5. RDRRMC XI

PCG District Southeastern Mindanao (Davao)

- a. Placed all stations and sub-stations under heightened alert status.
- b. Placed deployed floating assets on standby.
- c. Directed to prepare deployable response teams for immediate dispatch.
- d. Coordinated with local executives in their AOR and advised all their constituents especially those who are residing in coastal municipalities and low-lying areas to be prepared.
- e. Advised all fishing companies and local fishermen not to venture out to the sea and recall those fishermen who already left the ports.
- f. Coordinated with the local P/C/MDRRMCs for a unified response for any eventualities.

6. RDRRMC CARAGA

Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) CARAGA

- a. Continuously disseminated weather updates to their AOR.

DSWD CARAGA

- a. Alerted SWAD Team Staff and QRTs in their respective provinces and prepared food packs for possible relief operation.

Philippine Information Agency (PIA) CARAGA

- a. Assisted in the dissemination of weather updates to their AOR.

Provincial/City/Municipal DRRMCs

- a. PDRRMCs were on alert status, continuously disseminated advisories and warnings, and prepositioned Emergency Response Team (ERT), heavy equipment, and food packs.
 - b. PDRRMO Agusan del Norte activated all DRRMCs, ensured that logistics (i.e evacuation centers) of all LGUs are prepositioned, and deployed staff to city / municipal operation centers for preparedness measures.
 - c. PDRRMO Agusan del Sur placed Search and Rescue Agusan del Sur (SARAS) on standby for possible deployment.
 - d. PDRRMC Dinagat Island conducted response and readiness check and advised MDRRMCs to emplace preparedness measures for the current weather system.
 - e. PDRRMC Surigao del Norte recommended DRRMCs to activate their Operations Centers, advised fishermen to be on alert for the effects of TD “Domeng”, and conducted an emergency meeting on 07 April 2014 re preparations for the possible effects of TD “Domeng”.
 - f. PDRRMO Surigao del Sur activated DRRMCs to monitor the weather disturbance and placed Incident Management Team (IMT) on alert for possible deployment.
 - g. CDRRMC Bislig issued Memorandum No. 113 s. 2014 to activate the Bislig Response Action Team on 07 April 2014.
 - h. CDRRMC Butuan continuously disseminated weather advisories to barangays within their AOR and sent memorandum to all officers directly involved in disaster response to place equipment and personnel on standby for possible deployment.
 - i. CDRRMC Cabadbaran alerted all barangay leaders and local rescue team leaders regarding TD “Domeng”.
 - j. C/MDRRMCs in Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, and Dinagat Islands were activated and placed all rescue units on standby for deployment.
 - k. MDRRMC Kitcharao conducted meeting for preparedness measures of barangays in their AOR.
 - l. MDRRMC-Veruela advised all barangay officers to take precautionary measures against possible threat by TD “Domeng”.
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