




NDRRMC UPDATE

Preparedness Measures and Effects of the Low Pressure Area (LPA)

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

25 September 2017

At 3:00 AM, the LPA was estimated based on all available data at 245 km East Southeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (7.2N,128.2E) and brought cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms over Metro Manila, Bicol Region, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, Mindanao, Visayas and the Province of Aurora.

Meanwhile, Partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms and possible occasional lightning/strong winds/ heavy rains was experienced over rest of Luzon.

At 4:00 PM, the LPA was located at 50 km Northeast of Iloilo City, Iloilo (11.0N,122.9E) and brought cloudy skies with light to moderate rains and thunderstorms over Metro Manila, Bicol region, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, Visayas, CARAGA, Northern Mindanao and Zamboanga Peninsula.

II. EFFECTS

A. Flooded Areas

A total of **five (5) barangays in the Municipality of Alcantara, Romblon** experienced **flooding** brought about by heavy rains. As of 6:00 AM, 25 September 2017, flood water in the said areas have already subsided.

B. SUSPENSION OF CLASSES

Classes in four (4) Municipalities in the Province of Romblon were suspended:

PROVINCE/ MUNICIPALITY/ BARANGAY	LEVEL	DATE OF SUSPENSION	DATE RESUMED
ROMBLON			
Alcantara	All levels private and public	6:00 AM, 25 September 2017	

	and public	September 2017	
Santa Maria	all levels private and public	10:00AM, 25 September 2017	
Odiongan	All levels private and public	12:00NN, 25 September 2017	
Calatrava	All levels private and public	12:00NN, 25 September 2017	

C. DAMAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

As of 6:00 AM, 25 September 2017, the river control structure in Brgy. Lawan, Alcantara, Romblon was reportedly damaged due to the strong river current brought about by heavy rains.

III. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

A. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council

1. NDRRM Operations Center (NDRRMOC)

- a. Continuous monitoring and dissemination of weather advisories, 24-hour Public Weather Forecasts, General Flood Advisories (GFAs) to all RDRRMCs/OCDROs through SMS, facsimile, and official social media websites for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs).

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

- a. Continuously disseminating weather forecasts, General Flood Advisories (GFAs) regarding the Low Pressure Area (LPA).

B. Regional/Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (R/LDRRMCs)

1. RDRRMC MIMAROPA

OCD MIMAROPA

- a. Continuous dissemination of Weather Advisories and General Flood Advisories to PDRRMCs, CDRRMCs, LGUs, Local Radio Stations and line member agencies through SMS, info board, facsimile and uploaded the same to OCD/RDRRMC MIMAROPA Facebook Page and Skype accounts to ensure widest dissemination.
- b. Continuous coordination with response agencies and monitoring of weather situation in its Area of Responsibility (AOR).
- c. Ensure close coordination with response agencies and concerned LGUs regarding situation updates and the possible effects of LPA.

DSWD MIMAROPA

- a. Activated all Provincial/City/Municipal Quick Response Teams (QRTs) in five (5) provinces of MIMAROPA to regularly monitor the situation in their respective Areas of Responsibility (AOR).

- b. Activated all members of R/P/C/M QRTs together with special projects on a 24/7 basis in case of any untoward incident due to the said weather disturbance.
- c. Advised all P/M QRTs to coordinate with concerned LGUs to report any unusual eventualities in their (AOR).
- d. Closed coordination with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) for any warning signal updates for monitoring purposes and response mechanism for areas that will be affected.
- e. With available stockpile of 34,424 family food packs (FFPs) to all Social Welfare and Development Teams (SWADT) and Regional Warehouses including prepositioned goods in identified Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA)/critical areas.
- f. With available Standby funds amounting to ₱2,090,608.54.

WAREHOUSE LOCATION	# OF AVAILABLE OF FAMILY FOOD PACKS
Regional office manila	6,923
Oriental Mindoro	2,946
Occidental Mindoro	3,650
Marinduque	3,136
Romblon	4,462
Palawan	2,760
TOTAL	23,877

DOH MIMAROPA

- a. Prepositioned water disinfectant and collapsible Jerry Cans in flood prone areas of MIMAROPA and Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO).
- b. Advised Quad-Cluster Teams (Health, NIE, MHPSS, WASH) to be on standby for deployment and augmentation of services. Advised Human Resource Management for Health to be available on their catchment areas to augment health services and establish health assistance desk once evacuation starts.
- c. Continuous coordination and active monitoring with all PDOHO and HEMS Point Persons for any untoward incident.
- d. Continuous coordination with DOH retained hospitals and other attached agencies including entry and exit point.
- e. Continuous coordination with other Regional agencies including, PCG, PPA, RDRRMC, OCD, LGUs, PNP station and other stakeholders
- f. Advised PDOHO to coordinate with HEMS-Provincial Health Office for the health emergencies monitored.
- g. Advised PDOHO to coordinate with Ports Authority and advised nearby port health facilities to be on stand-by for possible health assistance in relation to the surge of passengers with medical assistance needed.
- h. Advised PDOHO to coordinate with Philippine National Police, Provincial and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Offices and other response groups in relation to the preparedness and response activities in relation to the event/s being monitored.
- i. Advised PDOHO to conduct roving to all areas of concern regarding potential risk for mass casualty incident and evacuation.
- j. Coordinated with PDOHO's and DOH Retained Hospital in relation to the inventory of all available drugs, medicines and medical supplies including vaccines and transportation assets.
- k. Coordinated with Human Resource Management for the inventory of RO/PDOHO warm bodies for the period of monitoring.

- l. Coordinated with General Services Unit for the inventory of transportation assets in the Regional Office, Provincial DOH Offices and DOH retained hospitals.
- m. Coordinated with Logistics Management Unit in relation to the availability of essential drugs/medicines and medical supplies.
- n. Coordinated with all HEMS Coordinators in the Provinces of MIMAROPA and advised to proactively coordinate with RO HERO Opcen for and submit daily situation updates.
- o. Coordinated with Philippine Air force 505 Search and Rescue for the utilization of Air Medical Services in the Provinces of MIMAROPA as contingency for Air Medevac.
- p. Advised PAMAS Air Ambulance Services through the Provincial DOH-Palawan for possible utilization of air evacuation.
- q. Inventory of available drugs and meds in all PDOHO' S coordinated and preparation of standby drugs and meds coordinated with Logistics Management Unit.
- r. Advised PDOHO-Palawan to observed Air Medevac (Medical Evacuation Protocols).
- s. Coordinated with Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU) MIMAROPA and advised to send Event-based Surveillance System (ESR) updates and notifiable diseases.
- t. Coordinated with Health Promotion Unit MIMAROPA to disseminate and establish health information kiosk to areas of gathering.
- u. Advised PDOHO to render duty at the PDRRMO Operation Center ensure seamless and effective multi agency coordination for the potential effects brought by the LPA.
- v. Prepositioned drugs, medicines, medical supplies, water disinfectants, collapsible jerry cans and vehicles in strategic areas and areas of concern.
- w. Mobilized logistics amounting to ₱18, 018,740.24.

DOST MIMAROPA

- a. Provided update to LGUs and uploaded updates on Facebook page Thru DOST Provincial Science and Technology Center (PSTC).

DPWH MIMAROPA

- a. Alerted maintenance crew of the District Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Teams to monitor condition of National Roads and Bridges and other infrastructures facilities.
- b. Prepared all equipment for mobilization if situation warrants.

COAST GUARD DISTRICT (CGD) Southern Tagalog

- a. Advised all CG stations and substations to ensure strict implementation of Guidelines on the movement of vessels during heavy weather pursuant to HPCG Memo Circular 01-09 and in the absence of weather bulletin in the locality pursuant to HPCG Memo Circular 03-01.
- b. Placed Deployable Response Groups (DRGs) on standby status 24/7.
- c. Placed assets on standby status ready for deployment on flood prone and coastal areas.
- d. Close monitoring of weather forecast.
- e. In close coordination with LGUs, and other government agencies.
- f. Continuous monitoring of situation in their respective AOR.

- g. Ensure the operational status of HF and VHF radio communications in support to the province operational concern in case of power blackout.

CGD Palawan

- a. Advised all CG station and substation to ensure strict implementation of Guidelines on the movement of vessels during heavy weather pursuant to HPCG Memo Circular 01-09 and in the absence of weather bulletin in the locality pursuant to HPCG Memo Circular 03-01.
- b. Prepared PCG boarding teams, SAR assets and Deployable Response Group (CDRG) Teams and closely monitors maritime traffic and weather condition for prompt, sustained and effective implementation of existing command policies, rules and regulations and doctrines.
- c. Continuous monitoring of situation in their respective AORs.
- d. Placed assets on standby status ready for deployment on flood prone and coastal areas.
- e. Placed Deployable Response Groups (DRGs) on standby status 24/7.

Police Regional Office (PRO) MIMAROPA

- a. Ensures the availability of search and rescue assets and personnel. and alerted all Police Provincial Office down to their lower units and continuous.
- b. Coordinated with PAGASA, PDRRMC and other agencies.
- c. Directed lower units to undertake precautionary measures and other disaster preparedness activities such as the following: Strengthen resilience of emergency communications.
- d. Ensure readiness of the SRR equipment and supplies to support operational requirements (eg. rubber boat, utility rope, floating device, multi-tool items, 30L of GOL for generator, flashlights with extra battery, communications equipment, first aid kit, MRE, etc.).
- e. Forward deployment and pre-positioning of Search and Rescue (SAR) assets.
- f. Coordinated with Local DRRMCs and activated Disaster Incident Management Task Groups (DIMG) as the situation may require.

Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) MIMAROPA

- a. Constant coordination with LGUs NGOs and other government agencies to support the operational activities.
- b. Linkages/coordination with Police Forces, Barangay Officials, Tanods and Citizen Crime Watch to provide security to the evacuation centers.
- c. Alerted all BFP personnel for any disaster related response.
- d. Prepared all trucks and response asset in case needed.

PDRRMC Occidental Mindoro

- a. Activated Operations Center.
- b. Continuous monitoring of situation in its AOR.
- c. Conducted Emergency Meeting with representative from PEPO, GSO, PSWDO and Heart FM re effects of SWM in the Province of Occidental Mindoro.

MDRRMC Sta Cruz, Occidental Mindoro

- a. Activated Operations Center and continuous monitoring of its AOR.
- b. Conducted rescue operations in Sitio Buboy, Brgy San Vicente and So. Pola, Brgy. Barahan.

- c. Deployed Dump truck and Payloader to assist in rescue operations and stranded commuters.
 - d. Provided relief goods to all affected barangays.
 - e. Close coordination with response agencies and continuous dissemination of weather updates thru sms and facebook.
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