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NDRRMC UPDATE

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

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

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At 10:00 AM, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated at 150 km East Northeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (8.8N, 127.6E). This weather system will bring scattered moderate to heavy rains over the regions of Caraga, Northern Mindanao, Zamboanga Peninsula, Eastern and Central Visayas and Lanao del Sur. The LPA is likely to develop into a Tropical Depression (TD) within the next 24 hours.

At 8:00 PM, the LPA was estimated at 95 km West of Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte (8.6 N, 122.5 E).

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At 3:00 AM, the LPA was estimated based on all available data at the vicinity of Motong, Zamboanga del Norte (7.5N, 122.2E). Northeast Monsoon affecting Northern Luzon. Cloudy skies with scattered to widespread rains and thunderstorms will be experienced over CARAGA, Northern Mindanao, Zamboanga Peninsula, Visayas, and Palawan due to LPA. Meanwhile, Bicol region, the rest of Mindanao, and the Provinces of Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon will experience cloudy skies with scattered rains and thunderstorm due to LPA.

II. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

A. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council

1. NDRRM Operations Center (NDRRMOC)

- a. The NDRRMOC maintains Red Alert status to continuously monitor the situation and maintain close coordination with concerned, Regional DRRMCs, member-agencies and offices.
- b. 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. Continuous dissemination of weather forecasts, General Flood Advisories (GFAs) regarding the Low Pressure Area (LPA).
- b. Provided powerpoint presentation on weather updates for the information of areas likely to be affected and for their appropriate action.

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

- **RDRRMC/OCDROs I, MIMAROPA, VII, XI, and CARAGA** are continuously disseminating weather advisories/ bulletins to RDRRMC member-agencies, P/C/MDRRMCs, and local media (radio stations) through OCD InfoBoard Text Blast System, and upload the same to social accounts to effectively ensure public safety and achieve zero-casualty.

1. RDRRMC MIMAROPA

Office of Civil Defense (OCD) MIMAROPA

- a. Issued Weather Advisory No. 1 and 2 for LPA to R/P/C DRRMCs, Local Radio Station and line member agencies through SMS, Facebook and Skype accounts to ensure widest dissemination.
- b. Raised the alert status to Blue Alert for coordination/monitoring and assistance.
- c. Continuous coordination with response agencies and monitoring of weather situation in their area of responsibility (AOR).
- d. Coordinated with RDRRMC member agencies regarding Preparedness Measures for LPA.
- e. Ensures close coordination with response agencies and concerned LGUs regarding situation updates and the possible effects of LPA.
- f. Coordinated with Coast Guard Stations and Substation within the area regarding status of post operations.

Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA

- a. Informed all Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR-CCA) Provincial Focal Persons to coordinate with DILG Regional Office re preparedness measures of provinces and possible effects of LPA.

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA

- a. All members of R/P/C/M Quick Response Teams (QRTs) are on standby.
- b. Advised P/M QRTs to coordinate with concerned LGUs to report any unusual eventualities in their respective areas.
- c. Close coordination with OCD for any warning signal updates for monitoring purposes and response mechanism for areas that will be affected.
- d. With available stockpile of 23,480 family food packs to all Social Welfare and Development Teams (SWADT) and Regional Warehouses including prepositioned goods in identified Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA)/critical areas.
- e. With available Standby funds amounting to ₱1,369,800.54.

WAREHOUSE LOCATION	# OF AVAILABLE OF FAMILY FOOD PACKS
Regional office Manila	6,923
Oriental Mindoro	2,946

Occidental Mindoro		3,418	
Marinduque		3,130	
Romblon		4,462	
Palawan		2,601	
TOTAL		23,480	

Department of Health (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.
- c. 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.
- d. Continuous coordination with other Regional agencies including, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), RDRRMC, OCD, LGUs, Philippine National Police (PNP) station, PDOHO, DOH retained hospitals, and HEMS point persons for any untoward incident.
- e. Advised PDOHO to conduct roving to all areas of concern regarding potential risk for mass casualty incident and evacuation.
- f. 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.
- g. Advised PAMAS Air Ambulance Services through the Provincial DOH-Palawan for possible utilization of air evacuation.
- h. Advised PDOHO-Palawan to observed Air Medevac (Medical Evacuation Protocols).
- i. Coordinated with Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU) MIMAROPA and advised to send Event-based Surveillance System (ESR) updates and notifiable diseases.
- j. Coordinated with Health Promotion Unit MIMAROPA to disseminate and establish health information kiosk to areas of gathering.
- k. Advised PDOHO to render duty at the PDRRMO Operations Center to ensure seamless and effective multi-agency coordination for the potential effects brought by the LPA in their respective catchment areas.
- l. Prepositioned drugs, medicines and medical supplies in strategic areas and areas of concern as well as vehicles amounting to ₱3,977,083.2.
- m. Prepositioned water disinfectants and collapsible jerry cans amounting to ₱1,536,880.

Department of Science and Technology (DOST) MIMAROPA

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

Department of Public Works Highways (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 sub-stations 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 24/7 standby status.
- 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 black-out.

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 DRG 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.

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 monitoring of situation in their respective AORs.
- 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:
 - a. Strengthen resilience of emergency communications.
 - b. 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.).
 - c. Forward deployment and pre-positioning of Search and Rescue (SAR) assets.
- d. 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.

2. RDRRMC VII

OCD VII

- a. Continuous dissemination of weather update to RDRRMC Member Agencies, Local DRRMC Officers, and Non-Government Organizations thru sms and social media.
- b. Coordinated with PCG regarding monitoring of ports and vessel.

DPWH VII

- a. Alerted and activated DPWH District DRRM Team for possible damages that may affect the area of jurisdiction.

DSWD VII

- a. Prepositioned thirty thousand (30,000) family food pack (FFPs) and non-food items.

PDRRMC Negros Oriental, Siquijor, and Cebu

- a. Continuous monitoring in their respective AORs regarding status of weather condition brought by LPA.

3. RDRRMC XI

OCD XI

- a. Closely monitoring the whole region for any untoward incident brought by the weather disturbance.
- b. Advised all RDRRMC member agencies and the LDRRMCs to take precautionary measures and monitor their respective AORs and send situation reports for their preparedness measures.
- c. Continuous dissemination of weather update to all Local DRRMCs thru sms, facsimile, and social media.

4. RDRRMC CARAGA

OCD CARAGA

- a. Advised all LDRRMC to take precautionary measures for possible occurrence of flooding and landslides in their respective AOR and placed their local responders on standby status.
 - b. Continuously sending out weather advisories and bulletins to the Local DRRMCs and other stakeholders in the region.
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