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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**

### **SitRep No. 01 re Preparedness Measures and Effects of Tropical Depression "URDUJA"**

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*Sources: DOST-PAGASA, DILG, PCG, RDRRMCs/OCDROs MIMAROPA, V, VI, VII, and VIII*

#### **I. SITUATION OVERVIEW**

##### **12 December 2017**

At 5:00 PM, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) East of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (inside the Philippine Area of Responsibility) developed into a tropical depression and was named "URDUJA". It has a maximum sustained winds of up to 55 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 65 kph as it moves in a north northwest direction at 6 kph.

At 10:00 PM, the center of Tropical Depression (TD) "URDUJA" was estimated as 415 km East Northeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

##### **13 December 2017**

At 11:00 AM, TD "URDUJA" maintained its strength as it continued to move in a north northwest direction.

"URDUJA" slightly changed its course as it continues to move close to Sorsogon-Northern Samar area around 5:00 PM. Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal (TCWS) No. 1 was raised over the Province of Eastern Samar.

At 11:00 PM, TCWS No. 1 was also issued in the Provinces of Northern Samar and Samar.

##### **14 December 2017**

At 4:00 AM, the center of TD "URDUJA" was estimated at 175 km East of Guiuan, Eastern Samar. It has a maximum sustained winds of up to 55 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 65 kph as it moves in a westward at 8 kph.

**Expected to make landfall over Eastern Samar this evening or tomorrow morning.** Estimated rainfall amount is from moderate to heavy within the 400 km diameter of the TD "URDUJA". Scattered to widespread rains is expected over Visayas and the regions of Bicol, CARAGA and Northern Mindanao within 24 hours.

At 8:00 AM, TCWS No. 1 is issued over the Provinces of Catanduanes, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate, Romblon, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Samar, Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Northern Cebu, Capiz, Aklan, and Northern Iloilo.



## II. EFFECTS

### A. Incidents Monitored

1. Around 9:00 AM, 13 December 2017, a flooding incident occurred in Brgy. Evangelista, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro due to heavy rains causing the protection dike to collapse. Brgys. Paitan, Metolza, and Magtibay in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro were isolated due to flooding.
2. Three (3) houses were damaged in Brgy. San Nicolas, Naujan Oriental Mindoro due to river bank erosion caused by strong water current. Three (3) families or nine (9) persons were displaced and took shelter at their relatives houses and in a church.
3. As of 2:40 AM, 13 December 2017, rivers in the Municipalities of Cuartero, Mambusao, and Sigma in the Province of Capi (Region VI) are above normal level causing flooding in the following areas:

PROVINCE / CITY / MUNICIPALITY	BARANGAY	REMARKS
Sigma, Capiz	Amaga, Cogon, Acbo, Mangoso, Mansacul, Dayhagon, Poblacion Norte, Pablacion Sur, and Pinamalacitan	Flooded rice fields
	Bangonbangon	Flooded rice fields. Barangay road not passable
	Pagbunitan	Flooded rice fields. <b>Flood subsided at 2:00 PM, 13 December 2017</b>
Mambusao, Capiz	Tumalalod	Flooded barangay road and rice field
	Pangpang Sur	Flooded barangay road and rice field affecting 50 households
	Atiplo	Flooded barangay road and rice field affecting 50 households
	Sinondojan, Bergante, and Tugas	Flooded rice fields

### B. Status of Lifelines

#### Status of Sea Ports

1. As of 12:00 AM, 14 December 2017, a total of **462 passengers** and **36 rolling cargoes** are stranded in ports in Eastern Visayas:

CG DISTRICT / STATION / SUB-STATION		PORTS	STRANDED	
			PASSENGERS	ROLLING CARGOES
COAST GUARD DISTRICT (CGD) EASTERN VISAYAS				
CGS Nothern Samar	CGSS Allen	Looc	54	24
		San Isidro	52	09
GRAND TOTAL			462	96

## III. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

### A. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council

#### 1. NDRRM Operations Center (NDRRMOC)

- a. The NDRRMOC raised its Blue Alert status effective 13 December 2017, 5:00 PM, to 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, Gale Warning, 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).
- c. Conducted Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) Core Group Meeting for the Low Pressure Area East of Hinatuan (TD URDUJA).
- d. Disseminated Emergency Alert and Warning Message (EAWM) for Region VIII due to the issuance of Orange Rainfall Warning to the Province of Eastern Samar.

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

- a. Continuous dissemination of weather forecasts, Gale Warning, General Flood Advisories (GFAs) regarding TD "URDUJA".
- b. Recommended the suspension of classes in Region VII on 15 December 2017.

## **3. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)**

- a. Advised all concerned DILG Regional Offices to closely monitor flooding and landslides brought about to the effects of TD "URDUJA" to all high-risk LGUs.
- b. Advised all concerned DILG Regional Offices NCR, III, VI and VII activate the DILG Regional Disaster Reporting and Monitoring for TD "URDUJA".
- c. Advised all DILG Regional Offices to monitor for possible floods and landslides.
- d. Provided constant updates on weather alerts/advisories to all Regional Offices.
- e. Continuous dissemination of list of barangays with greater than 100 mm rain and barangays with high to very high susceptibility to floods and landslides from PAGASA and MGB.
- f. Advised Regional Offices of CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, and VIII on the updates of TD "URDUJA" to activate their disaster monitoring and reporting systems.
- g. Alerted and advised all concerned LGUs to perform the following actions:
  - Initiate critical preparedness actions based on the Operation LISTO protocols, and prepare communities especially those in low-lying and/or landslide prone areas, highways and riverbanks, including fishermen
  - Activate concerned Barangay DRRMCs for early warning measures and vigilant monitoring of areas with settlements at the base of sliding slopes or ridges with manifestations of rockslide/landslide, tension cracks, and areas identified as very high/critical landslide zones
  - Vigilant monitoring and reporting of the impending weather disturbances and other incidents during this holiday season
  - Continuously inform/advise all communities thru but not limited to the local television channels and radio stations of the updates of the situation and preparedness actions of the localities
  - Vigilant monitoring of levels of river water and settlements in low-lying areas or near riverbanks which have experienced recent and repeated flooding
  - Vigilant monitoring for possible riverbank erosion and shift of river flow direction



- Prepare to implement evacuation protocol in areas with high susceptibility ratings to landslide and flood
- Restrict or ban tourist activities such as, but not limited to, mountaineering/hiking, surfing, diving, spelunking, etc., within their areas of jurisdiction during this period
- Warn small scale miners to stay in safer grounds and avoid any mining activities
- Visit the MGB Geo-Hazard Web Portal at [gdis.denr.gov.ph/mgbgoogle](http://gdis.denr.gov.ph/mgbgoogle) for additional information

#### **4. Telecommunication Companies**

- ABS-CBN, GLOBE, and SMART disseminated the EAWM on Orange Rainfall Warning to Region VIII.

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

- RDRRMC/OCDROs MIMAROPA, V, VI, VII, and VIII 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.
- RDRRMCs/OCDROs V and VII conducted PDRA Meeting with their respective member-agencies.

#### **1. RDRRMC MIMAROPA**

##### **OCD MIMAROPA**

- Continuous coordination with response agencies and monitoring of weather situation in their area of responsibility (AOR).
- Coordinated with RDRRMC member agencies regarding Preparedness Measures for TD "URDUJA".
- Coordinated with Coast Guard Stations and Substation within the area regarding status of post operations.

##### **Department of Science and Technology (DOST) MIMAROPA**

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

##### **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA**

- Sent advisories to all provinces re TD "URDUJA".

##### **Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA**

- Prepositioned a total of 45,099 Family Food Packs (FFPs) at regional warehouses.
- Has available standby funds of ₱2,130,200.54.

##### **Department of Health (DOH) MIMAROPA**

- 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.
- Continuous coordination with other Regional agencies including, Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), RDRRMC, OCD, LGUs,



- Philippine National Police (PNP) station, Provincial DOH Office (PDOHO), DOH retained hospitals, and HEMS point persons for any untoward incident.
- d. Advised PDOHO to conduct roving to all areas of concern regarding potential risk for mass casualty incident and evacuation.
- e. A total of ₱18,018,740.24 worth of logistics were mobilized.

#### **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. Ensured the strict implementation of Standing Operation Procedure No. 001-12 on PCG Alert and Response Procedures in conducting Pre-Departure Inspections (PDI) to all vessels/motorbancas within the AOR.
- c. 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.
- d. Continuous monitoring of situation in their respective AORs.
- e. 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:
  - Strengthen resilience of emergency communications.
  - 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.).



- 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 V**

#### **OCD V**

- a. On Blue Alert Status effective 12 December 2017.
- b. Issued memorandum for PDRRMCs re Establishment of Temporary Holding Areas for Stranded Passengers bounds for ports in Bicol Region.
- c. Advised public going to Visayas and Mindanao to reschedule trips to avoid congestion in Matnog Port, Sorsogon.
- d. Radio Communication and Satellite Phone on standby.

#### **DSWD V**

- a. Has a stockpile of 3,809 FFPs and standby fund of ₱4,956,452.50.
- b. Prepositioned Food and Non-Food Items (FNIs) in the six (6) provinces of the region.

#### **Armed Forces of the Philippines**

##### **Tactical Operations Group (TOG) V, Philippine Airforce (PAF)**

- a. Placed response teams and equipment on standby.

##### **Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NAVFORSOL), Philippine Navy (PN)**

- a. Placed response teams and equipment on standby.

#### **BFP V**

- a. Advised all lower units to coordinate with their respective DRRMCs and refer to BFP's operational procedures.

#### **CGD Bicol**

- a. Disaster Response Units (DRUs) are on standby.

#### **Department of Health (DOH) V**

- a. Issued memorandum to DOH-retained hospitals, Health Emergency Management Service (HEMS) Coordinators, and Provincial DOH Personnel re Declaration of Code White Alert.
- b. Prepositioned assorted drugs and medicines at Provincial DOH.

#### **Department of Education (DEPED) V**

- a. Ensured the availability and readiness of schools to be used as evacuation centers.

#### **DPWH V**

- a. Advised all District Engineers to activate DRU Teams.



**PRO V**

- a. Directed all Provincial Police Offices (PPOs) to placed respective disaster response teams on standby.

**PDRRMCs Camarines Norte, Masbate, and Catanduanes, and CDRRMC Naga City**

- a. Continuous monitoring of the situation and dissemination of weather updates.

**PDRRMC Albay**

- a. Suspended classes for preschool to elementary level on 13 December 2017.
- b. Issued advisory on the following:
  - Suspended classes for preschool to elementary level on 13 December 2017
  - Avoid crossing rivers
  - No sailing for small seacrafts and fishing boats due to issued Gale Warning from PAGASA
- c. Convened the PDRRMC Members on 13 December 2017 in preparation for TD "URDUJA".

**PDRRMC Sorsogon**

- a. Activated PDRRMC Operations Center.
- b. Ensure clear communication lines with all DRRMCs.

**PDRRMC Camarines Sur**

- a. Issued memorandum to All Chairpersons, MDRRMCs and School Heads re the Suspension of Classes.

**3. RDRRMC VI****OCD VI**

- a. Disseminated NDRRMC Advisories to concerned stakeholders thru email, text blast, and social media.
- b. Continuous monitoring of the situation.

**PDRRMCs Aklan, Antique, Guimaras, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental**

- a. Continuous monitoring of its respective areas of responsibility.
- b. Disseminates weather updates through SMS.

**PDRRMC Aklan**

- a. On Alert Alpha per OPLAN LISTO.

**PDRRMC Antique**

- a. Conducted PDRA Meeting and continuously monitors the situation in its area of responsibility (AOR).

**PDRRMC Capiz**

- a. Capiz Emergency Response Team (CERT), BFP, PNP, AFP, and other agencies are on standby.
- b. Conducted ocular inspection on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> District of the province.

**CDRRMC Bacolod City (Negros Occidental) and MDRRMC Madalag (Aklan)**

- a. Monitors the water level in rivers in their AOR.

**MDRRMC Banga (Aklan)**

- a. Conducted ocular inspection and risk assessment.

#### **4. 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 vessels.
- c. Alerted flood- and landslide-prone Local Government Units (LGUs) on the possible effects of TD "URDUJA" in their AOR.

##### **DSWD VII**

- a. Prepositioned food items in warehouses in the Provinces of Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor.

#### **5. RDRRMC VIII**

##### **DILG VIII**

- a. Advised LGUs to prepare for possible effects of TD "URDUJA".

##### **DSWD VIII**

- a. Alerted Social Welfare and Development Team (SWADT) of the different provinces to closely monitor TD "URDUJA".
- b. Prepositioned a total of 36,228 Family Food Packs (FFPs), 1,510 NFA rice, and Non-Food Items.
- c. All the Staff in the warehouses are on alert to ensure readiness in dispatching the food and non-food items.
- d. Quick Response Team (QRT) is on standby.

##### **Armed Forces of the Philippines**

###### **8ID, Philippine Army (PA)**

- a. All Disaster Response Teams (DRTs) are alerted for possible deployment.

###### **TOG VIII, PAF**

- a. Disaster Response Team (DRT) is on standby.

###### **Naval Station Dioscorro Papa, PN**

- a. One (1) M35 truck and one (1) multi-cab are on standby.

##### **BFP VIII**

- a. On Blue Alert.
- b. Identified evacuation centers in coordination with other agencies.
- c. Activated Barangay Emergency Response Services.

##### **CGD Eastern Visayas**

- a. Issued "No Sail Policy" in view of present weather disturbance. Hence, fishing boats and vessels were advised not to venture out to sea.
- b. Emergency Response Teams (ERT) are on standby for possible deployment.

##### **DOH VIII**

- a. Activated the Operations Center.
- b. In close coordination with the Regional Hospital and DOH Retained Hospital for needs and reports.
- c. Closely coordinating and monitoring all Provincial DOH Offices, Provincial Health Offices, and City Health Offices for any untoward health emergencies and incidents that may occur.



- d. In close coordination with the RDRRMC and Health Emergency Management Bureau (HEMB).
- e. The Information and Logistics Management of the Health Emergency Management System was put in effect.

**DPWH VIII**

- a. Prepositioned response equipment in all DPWH Engineering Districts for possible deployment.

**Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)**

- a. Conducts price and supply monitoring in key cities in the region.

**Philippine Red Cross (PRC)**

- a. Prepositioned ambulance and rescue boat.
- b. First-Aid, Welfare Desk, and Blood Bank Teams on standby.

**PRO VIII**

- a. Instructed line units to closely monitor and report any untoward incidents to Tactical Operations Center.
- b. Prepositioned one (1) Search and Rescue (SAR) Team in each provinces.
- c. Health service, 40-seater truck, and one ambulance are on standby.
- d. Radio communications and Regional Tactical Operations Center Platform are on alert status.

**PDRRMC Leyte**

- a. Disseminated all weather updates thru SMS.

**PDRRMC Biliran**

- a. Activated Operations Center.

**PDRRMC Eastern Samar**

- a. Advised all the MDRRMOs to be on alert status.
- b. Monitoring of all the weather advisories.
- c. Placed Emergency Response Team (ERT) in on-call status.
- d. Activated the Operations Center.

**PDRRMC Samar**

- a. Coordinated with rescue volunteers and other responsible agencies.
- b. Disseminated all weather updates thru SMS.

**CDRRMC Tacloban City (Leyte)**

- a. ERT and responders on standby.
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