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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 of  
26 February 2020, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Releasing Officer:**

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Executive Director, NDRRMC and  
Administrator, OCD

**DATE : 26 February 2020**

Source: OCDRO CAR

### **I. Forest Fire Incident in Brgy. Lubo, Kibungan, Benguet**

#### **A. Situation Overview (Chronological Events)**

##### **22 February 2020**

On or about 11:05 AM, an ongoing fire incident in Sitio Gasal, Lubo, Kibungan, Benguet was reported to Kibungan Fire Station. On 01:10 PM, responding duty personnel surveyed the affected area of the fire, and created a fire break to protect the houses in the vicinity. On 06:00 PM, the responding personnel retreated due to poor visibility and the lack of equipment. BFP and other teams monitored the progress of the fire.

##### **23 February 2020**

Responding duty personnel resumed fire suppression activities, however the fire has reached a nearby area, Sitio Tulibeng, in the same barangay. Responding duty personnel then diverted efforts and proceeded to the aforementioned area. On or about 10:45 AM, responding teams from LGU Kibungan, PNP Kibungan, and local barangay teams reached the affected area and immediately conducted fire suppression activity. A shanty used for storage of vegetables was reported to be destroyed by the fire. On 07:00 PM, the responders retreated once more due to poor visibility and the lack of equipment.

##### **24 February 2020**

Duty personnel of Fire Station (FS) Kibungan and MPS Kibungan proceeded to Sitio Gasal and Sitio Tulibeng of Barangay Lubo to resume fire suppression and containment. On or about 10:45 AM, upon arrival, the responding duty personnel were informed by residents that the fire is already nearing the residential area. The responding duty personnel and local residents then used a water pump to prevent the fire from spreading towards the residential area.

**25 February 2020**

Kibungan Fire Station and PNP Kibungan headed to the affected areas to resume fire suppression and containment. On or about 10:20 AM, the responding duty personnel arrived on-site and conducted assessment of the fire, and declared fire out at 10:30 AM.

Details on the cause of the incidents is still pending. Investigation is ongoing.

## **B. Effects**

### **Cost of Damage**

Assessment is still ongoing. Progress report to follow.

## **C. Actions Taken**

### **OCD CAR**

- Continuously coordinated and monitored the incident with FS Kibungan, BFP Benguet, MDRRMO Kibungan, and BFP CAR on the status of the incident.
- Provided initial and progress reports to NDRRMOC.

### **BFP CAR, BFP Provincial Office, and FS Kibungan**

- Duty personnel continuously responded to the forest fire for fire suppression and containment activities.
- FS Officers conducted suppression along roads.
- Conducted interviews, meetings, and investigations.
- Supported firefighting activities, logistics, reporting, and investigations.

### **Volunteers and Local Residents**

- Continuously supported BFP CAR and FS Kibungan in fire suppression activities.

Progress report to follow.

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