



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

## **NDRRMC ADVISORY**

**TO :** CHAIRPERSON, RDRRMCs/OCDROs I, II, MIMAROPA, CAR, VI, and IX

**FROM :** Executive Director, NDRRMC and Administrator, OCD

**SUBJECT :** Severe Weather Bulletin No. 01 for Tropical Depression "HELEN"

**DATE :** 17 August 2020, 11:00 PM

Source: DOST-PAGASA

### **THE LOW PRESSURE AREA WEST OF CALAYAN, CAGAYAN HAS DEVELOPED INTO TROPICAL DEPRESSION "HELEN"**

#### **Track and intensity outlook:**

- HELEN is forecast to move generally westward over the Luzon Sea and is likely to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) tomorrow early morning. A slight turn to northwestward is expected tomorrow evening. HELEN is forecast to make landfall over Guangdong Province in southern China on Wednesday evening.
- HELEN developed into a tropical depression at 8:00 PM today. Additional intensification is likely over the next two days. HELEN is forecast to reach tropical storm category tomorrow evening.

#### **Hazards affecting land and coastal waters:**

- No tropical cyclone wind signal will be raised throughout the forecast period.
- Tonight through tomorrow morning, the Southwest Monsoon will bring scattered light to moderate with at times heavy rains over Batanes, Ilocos Region, Apayao, Abra, Kalinga, MIMAROPA, Western Visayas, and Zamboanga Peninsula.
- Flooding and rain-induced landslide may occur during heavy or prolonged rainfall especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards. The public and local disaster risk reduction and management offices concerned are advised to monitor the Rainfall/Thunderstorm Advisories and Heavy Rainfall Warnings from PAGASA Regional Services Divisions and take appropriate measures.

#### **Other weather disturbances being monitored:**

- At 10:00 PM today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 240 km East Southeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (7.7°N, 128.4°E). This LPA is less likely to develop into a tropical depression in the next 48 hours.

<b>Location of eye/center:</b>	At <b>10:00 PM today</b> , the center of <b>Tropical Depression "HELEN"</b> was estimated based on all available data at <b>240 km West of Calayan, Cagayan (19.6°N, 119.2°E)</b> .
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<b>Strength:</b>	Maximum winds of <b>45 km/h</b> near the center and gustiness of up to <b>55 km/h</b> .
<b>Movement:</b>	Moving <b>Westward</b> at <b>25 km/h</b> .
<b>Forecast Positions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 Hour (Tomorrow evening): 390 km West Northwest of Basco, Batanes (OUTSIDE PAR) (22.2°N, 118.7°E)</li> <li>• 48 Hour (Wednesday evening): 930 km North Northwest of Basco, Batanes (OUTSIDE PAR) (27.5°N, 117.1°E)</li> </ul>
<b>NO TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNAL</b>	

The public and the disaster risk reduction and management council concerned are advised to take appropriate actions and watch for the next update to be incorporated in the 4:00 AM Public Weather Forecast and in the next Severe Weather Bulletin to be issued at 11:00 AM tomorrow or earlier.

In order to better inform/warn communities, you are reminded to disseminate these through local/community leaders and through your local media, including community radio stations. Conduct press briefings as often as needed. This local effort will complement and reinforce efforts at the national level. Emphasis should be on proactive actions – evacuation rather than rescue.

Moreover, you are hereby directed to reiterate the guidelines on personal protection and hygiene such as respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene, social distancing, environmental, and food safety measures.

Let's untiringly aim for zero casualty.

Submit report on actions taken.

**BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIRPERSON, NDRRMC:**

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