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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 for  
Severe Tropical Storm "SURIGAE" (Outside PAR)**

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*Sources: DOST-PAGASA, and OCDROs CALABARZON and NCR*

### **I. SITUATION OVERVIEW**

#### **12 April 2021**

At 11:00 PM, the Low Pressure Area outside the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) East of Mindanao had developed into Tropical Depression. The Tropical Depression was forecasted to move northwestward until the following day before slowing down to almost stationary status on Wednesday. It was also forecasted to accelerate west-northwestward and enter the PAR on Friday or Saturday.

#### **13 April 2021**

At 11:00 AM, the Tropical Depression East of Mindanao slightly accelerated while maintaining its strength. The center of the Tropical Depression was estimated based on all available data at 1,475 km East of Mindanao with maximum sustained winds of 45km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 55 km/h moving west northwestward at 20 km/h. The tropical cyclone was forecasted to intensify into tropical storm in the next 24 hours.

#### **14 April 2021**

At 5:00 AM, the Tropical Depression outside PAR east of Mindanao intensified into a Tropical Storm with the International Name "SURIGAE". It was forecasted to continuously intensify throughout the forecast period and may reach typhoon category by Friday. SURIGAE remained less likely to directly affect the country over the next three days. Considering the uncertainty in the track forecast of the storm, a westward shift in the current forecast track may result in potentially significant impacts over the aforementioned areas over the weekend (17-18 April) until Monday (19 April).

#### **15 April 2021**

At 11:00 AM, "SURIGAE" intensified into Severe Tropical Storm as it moved westward. It was forecasted to reach typhoon category in the next 36 hours and may continuously intensify.

## II. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

### A. NATIONAL DRRM COUNCIL (NDRRMC)

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

- a. Maintained RED ALERT Status since COVID-19 response operations.
- b. Continuous monitoring and ensure dissemination of Weather Advisories, and General Flood Advisories to all concerned RDRRMCs/OCDRs through SMS, NDRRMC website, and official social media websites for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs).

#### 2. Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Services Administration (PAGASA)

- a. Provided Weather Update re Tropical Storm "SURIGAE" during Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) via video teleconferencing on 15 April 2021, 1:00 PM.
- b. Continuous weather monitoring and provision of weather updates.

### B. REGIONAL DRRM COUNCILS (RDRRMC)

RDRRMCs CALABARZON and NCR are continuously monitoring its areas of responsibility. Further, said RDRRMCs are in coordination with its respective member agencies to ensure the widest dissemination of Weather Advisories, 24-hour Public Weather Forecasts, and General Flood Advisories through SMS, facsimile, and official social media websites.

#### 1. RDRRMC CALABARZON

##### Office of Civil Defense (OCD) CALABARZON

- a. Maintained 24/7 activation of Regional Operations Center.
- b. Continuous monitoring and coordination with CALABARZON PDRRMOs re weather situation and any untoward incidents.
- c. Continuous monitoring of landslide-prone and low-lying areas in CALABARZON.
- d. Alerted the Regional Incident Management Team for possible activation.
- e. Participated in PDRA meeting via video teleconferencing on 15 April 2021.

#### 2. RDRRMC NCR

##### OCD NCR

- a. Continuously disseminated MGB Geohazard advisory via email and Viber.
- b. Issued MDRRMC Memorandum No. 17 re Submission of Preparedness Measures re TS "SURIGAE".

##### CDRRMC Caloocan City

- a. Provided weather updates to BDRRMCs and CDRRMC members.
- b. Preposition of OCA Boat (on Site Calamity Assistance Boat) in low-lying areas.

##### CDRRMC Pasig

- a. Notified Pasig City DRRM Council members about the situation.
- b. Placed Pasig Command Center on 24/7 monitoring with response agencies.
- c. Coordinated and alerted the Barangay and NGO volunteer groups for possible deployment.
- d. Alerted barangays and advised to prepare for any effects relative to the weather condition.
- e. Placed all equipment, vehicles, and medical teams on standby.