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INCIDENTS MONITORED

Progress Report No. 3 for the Bulusan Volcano Phreatic Eruption (Region V)

DATE OF INCIDENT	April 28, 2025
TIME OF INCIDENT	04:36 am
DATE ISSUED	April 29, 2025
TIME ISSUED	02:00 pm
OVERVIEW	<p>On 28 April 2025 at 04:36 AM, a phreatic eruption occurred from the summit crater of Bulusan Volcano and lasted 24 minutes based on seismic and infrasound records. The incident produced a bent plume that rose 4,500 meters above the crater before drifting west to southwest. Ashfall was reported in Brgys. Cogon and Bolos, Irosin, Brgys. Puting Sapa, Guruyan, and Buraburan, Juban, and Brgy. Tulatula Sur, Magallanes, Sorsogon Province. A pyroclastic density current (PDC) or “uson” descended the southwestern slopes and travelled within three (3) kilometers from the summit vent. Prior to the eruption, a total of fifty-three (53) volcanic earthquakes were recorded over the 24-hour period yesterday. Rumbling sounds were reported by local government officials approximately 15 minutes before the eruption and were recorded by infrasound sensors.</p> <p>Alert Level 1 status is now raised over Bulusan Volcano, which means that the volcano is currently in a state of low-level unrest with chances of phreatic eruptions succeeding this morning’s event.</p>

RELATED INCIDENTS

The following incidents were reported in some areas of SORSOGON.

PROVINCE	Ashfall
Total	24
SORSOGON	24

Source: DILG/LGUs

AFFECTED POPULATION

A total of 19,881 families or 92,945 persons were affected. Of which, 80 families or 276 persons were served inside 2 ECs and 1 families or 2 persons were served outside ECs:

Affected Provinces	AFFECTED			INSIDE ECs			OUTSIDE ECs	
	Brgy	Families	Persons	No. of ECs	Families	Persons	Families	Persons
TOTAL	63	19,881	92,945	2	80	276	1	2
SORSOGON	63	19,881	92,945	2	80	276	1	2

Source: DROMIC Report as of 12NN April 29, 2025

Related Incidents

REGION PROVINCE CITY/ MUNICIPALITY BARANGAY		TYPE OF INCIDENT	DATE OF OCCURENCE	TIME OF OCCURENCE	DESCRIPTION	ACTIONS TAKEN	REMARKS	STATUS (for flooded areas)
GRAND TOTAL	24							
REGION 5	24							
SORSOGON	24							
Irosin	2							
Cogon		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Bolos		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Juban	4							
Putting Sapa		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Guruyan		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Catanusan		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Buraburan		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Magallanes	10							
Busay		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Pawik		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Salvacion		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Tulatula Sur		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Lapinig		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Biton		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Ginangra		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Siuton		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Caditaan		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Bulala		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Bulan	7							
Cadandanan		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Cocok Cabitan		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
San Francisco		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
E. Quirino		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Palale		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Calpi		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Dolos		Ashfall	28 April 2025					
Castilla	1							
Buenavista		Ashfall	28 April 2025					

Affected Population

REGION PROVINCE CITY/ MUNICIPALITY BARANGAY		NO. OF AFFECTED			No. of ECs		Inside Evacuation Centers				Outside Evacuation Centers				TOTAL SERVED			
		Brgys.	Families	Persons	CUM	NOW	Families		Persons		Families		Persons		(Inside + Outside)			
							CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW	CUM	NOW	Families	Persons	Families	Persons
GRAND TOTAL	8	63	19,881	92,945	4	2	582	80	2,230	276	1	1	2	2	583	81	2,232	278
REGION 5	8	63	19,881	92,945	4	2	582	80	2,230	276	1	1	2	2	583	81	2,232	278
SORSOGON	8	63	19,881	92,945	4	2	582	80	2,230	276	1	1	2	2	583	81	2,232	278
Barcelona	1	2	358	1,850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2	358	1,850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulan	1	3	1,006	5,030	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3	1,006	5,030	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulusan	1	6	1,300	6,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		6	1,300	6,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casiguran	1	10	1,925	9,625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		10	1,925	9,625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gubat	1	2	155	787	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		2	155	787	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irosin	1	24	10,042	47,890	2	0	502	0	1,954	0	0	0	0	0	502	0	1,954	0
		24	10,042	47,890	2	0	502	0	1,954	0	0	0	0	0	502	0	1,954	0
Juban	1	11	4,074	17,080	2	2	80	80	276	276	1	1	2	2	81	81	278	278
		11	4,074	17,080	2	2	80	80	276	276	1	1	2	2	81	81	278	278
Magallanes	1	5	1,021	4,183	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		5	1,021	4,183	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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ACTIONS TAKEN

Region 5

OCD 5

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- Continuous provision of Bulusan Volcano Bulletins and other relevant advisories with regard to Bulusan activities.
- Continuous coordination with RDRRMC agencies, LGUs affected and other stakeholders to address the response requirements on the ground.
- Conducted initial assessment on the ground.
- Prepositioned the following NFIs to PLGU Sorsogon:
N95 mask - 888 pcs - P1,239,648.00
hygiene kits - 2,000pcs - P3,500,000.00
Gasoline
- Requested air assets for aerial assessment.

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- Conducted aerial assessment with PDRRMO Sorsogon, MDRRMO Bulusan and OCD 5

PHIVOLCS 5

- Raised the Mt Bulusan Alert Level from 0 to 1
- Continuous provision and dissemination of Mayon updates to the stakeholders and general public

BFP 5

- Ongoing road flushing along roads affected by ashfall

PDRRMO Sorsogon

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- Continuous monitoring of Bulusan Volcano activities since April 21, 2025 issued by DOST Phivolcs
- Issued SPDRRMC Memo No. 005-2025 Blue Alert status remains due to Bulusan Volcano's recorded activities.
- Conducted PDRA meeting for preparedness and response measures on 23 April 2025
- Distributed KN95 face masks to LDRRMOs, BFP, PNP, RHU/ District Hospitals in 6 municipalities.
- SPDRRMO EOC was activated, and the Extension Emergency Operations Center was set up at Brgy. Lungib, Casiguran, Sorsogon
- At around 4:00 AM today, SPDRRMC Charman spearheaded the ocular inspection of the affected barangays.
- Deployed a response team for the ashfall clearing and flushing operations at Putting Sapa, nearby barangays at Juban and other barangays of the municipality of Irosin, Casiguran, Gubat, Barcelona, Magallanes and Bulan are affected by the ashfall.
- Coordinated with the DRRMOs of municipalities of Bulusan, Juban, Irosin, Casiguran, Gubat, Barcelona, Magallanes and Bulan on their AOR situation for possible additional resource deployment as needed.
- Open line communication with SPDRRRMC Response Cluster and affected DRRMOs/LGUs for coordination, monitoring and deployment of resources.
- PSWDO, DSWD FO5 and BFP Province stationed at SPDRRRMO EOC for coordination and reporting.

DOH CHD 5

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- Issued Regional Mmemo no. 2025-0055 Declaration of Code White Alert in relation to the Phreatic Eruption of Bulusan Volcano

DSWD 5

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- DSWD Regional Director Norman Laurio directed the Resource Team to deploy the WFP mobile kitchen truck and ensure the readiness of prepositioned relief goods.
- A total of 20,000 family food packs were delivered to the PLGU Sorsogon in response to the reported affected population.
- DSWD FO V Regional Director Norman Laurio together with Sorsogon Governor Jose Edwin "Boboy" Hamor visited Barangay Puting Sapa, Juban, Sorsogon, one of the areas within the 4-kilometer permanent danger zone, to directly coordinate with local officials and assess the urgent needs of affected families.
- DSWD Regional Director Norman Laurio directed the Resource Team to deploy the WFP mobile kitchen truck and ensure the readiness of prepositioned relief goods.
- The sex and age distribution data (SADD) of the Internally Displaced Persons are still for validation with the Local Government Units (LGUs). Profiling is ongoing.
- P/C/MSWAD also instructed to closely coordinate and monitor CCCM in their AORs.
- DSWD FO V Regional Director Norman S. Laurio together with the Disaster Response Management Division personally conducted assessment to the Families Displaced in the Municipality of Juban.
- DSWD Field Office V Regional Director Norman Laurio issued a memorandum on the activation of DSWD RETT, DRMD, Sorsogon Quick Response Team in Sorsogon.
- All DSWD Bicol Field Office personnel were instructed to remain on standby for possible deployment.
- DSWD FO V, through its DRMD, maintained close coordination with the Provincial, City, and Municipal SWAD, LDRRMOs, and LSWDOs in monitoring their respective areas of responsibility (AORs).
- All DRMD staff of DSWD FO V were on standby alert.
- RD Laurio and the SMU team are en route to Bulusan to personally monitor the situation and lead the coordination, implementation and documentation of disaster response operations on the ground.
- Prepositioned the following F/NFIs to PLGU Sorsogon:
 - Family Food packs - 20,000 packs - P15,458,880
 - Hygiene Kits - 73 pcs - P94,024
 - Modular tents - 24 pcs - P30,912
 - Sleeping Kits - 49 pcs - P60,760
 - Water Container - 24 pcs - P108,480.00

DPWH 5

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- Continuous monitoring of areas prone of ashfall. Deployment of Maintenance Crew and equipment for clearing operations on affected areas.

DILG 5

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- Close coordination with DILG Provincial Office, thru the focal person, on the initial special report.
- Close monitoring on the updates from PHIVOLCS, OCD for RDRRMC, LGUs and other concerned
- Submitted Special Report (Initial) to SILG/CODIX
- The office advised the DILG Provincial Office of Sorsogon to utilize the DPM for Volcanic Eruption for the proper protocols.
- Submitted Special Report No. 2 to SILG/CODIX
- Issue Regional Memo to DILG Sorsogon re: Raising the Alert Level Status of Bulusan Volcano from Alert Level 0 (Normal) to Alert Level 1 (Low-Level Unrest)
- Prepared Special Report No. 3 for submission to SILG/CODIX
- Prepared Special Report No. 4 for submission to SILG/CODIX

DILG Provincial and Field Office

- Close coordination with the LGUs thru the MLGOOs concerned, and the LDRRMCs
- Close monitoring on the updates from PHIVOLCS, OCD, LGUs and other concerned
- Provided updated information to the DILG Regional Office, and submit Special Report (Initial)
- Provided advice to LGUs to follow the Volcanic Eruption Listo Protocols if it is raised to Alert Level 1, and so on.
- Issued Advisory to LGUs dated 24 April 2025 re Preparedness Actions due to Increased Seismic Activity of Bulusan Volcano including the utilization of the Localized Disaster Preparedness Manual for Bulusan Volcano.

-Close coordination with the LGUs thru the C/MLGOOs and Sorsogon Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.