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NDCC UPDATE

Sitrep No. 2 on Flooding Incidents in Cotabato City, Pigcawayan, North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao

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A. SITUATION OVERVIEW

1. Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao

- ❖ The ten (10) low-lying barangays namely: Bulalo, Salimbao, Calsada, Katuli, Gang, Macaquiling, Limbo, Senditan, **Banubo** and Mulaog are still waist deep underwater except portion of national highway at Marhaban area in Salimbao which is **knee-deep** but still passable to all types of vehicles
- ❖ **Some residents opted to evacuate from their respective barangays when floodwaters began to rise but immediately returned home when floodwaters subsided**
- ❖ No casualty was reported

2. Pigcawayan, North Cotabato

- ❖ **Portion of national highway in Barangay Manuangan is still flooded but remained passable to all types of vehicles**
- ❖ **No casualty was reported and no evacuation took place**

3. Cotabato City

- ❖ **Twenty one (21) barangays in Cotabato City are still flooded**
- ❖ Floodwaters along the major thoroughfares of Quezon Avenue, Sinsuat Avenue, Juliano Avenue and Santos Street have reached as high as waist deep
- ❖ Around 30,000 families were affected but no evacuation took place as flood waters gradually subsided
- ❖ No casualties was reported and no significant damage on infrastructure and agriculture

B. ACTIONS TAKEN

- ❖ **The Presidential Task Force on Mindanao River Basin Rehabilitation and Development (PTFMRBRD) Executive Director Solomon Badoy disclosed in a local interview that arrangement has been made to**

resolve the “right of way” issue affecting the Re-Channeling of Simuay River, a flood –mitigating project being implemented thru the DPWH thru the DPWH Cotabato- Agusan River Basin Development Project (CARBDP) in SK, Maguindanao, adding that the PTFMRBRD is not directly implementing but only monitoring all flood control projects within the MRB specially in South-Central Mindanao to include SK and Cotabato City

- ❖ Based on the assessment by experts in the recent PTFMRBRD regular meeting, dredging operations by DPWH-CARBDP along the heavily-silted Rio-Grande de Mindanao (river between SK and Cotabato City) will not be successful unless this Simuay Re-Channeling Project in SK is completed

Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao

- ❖ Most of the 9,388 families/40,000 individuals still refuse to evacuate, however, if the situation worsens, forced evacuation will be implemented by MDCC- SK.
- ❖ Possible evacuation centers identified are the Dawah Center in Simuay, SK and Mahad Central Pilot Elementary School in Cotabato City
- ❖ Local emergency responders were already deployed for massive evacuation operations. Agencies/units currently assisting the MDCC-Sultan Kudarat include DSWD-ARMM, DSWD-Maguindanao, DOH-ARMM, DepEd–SK, 6ID PA, 11 Special Forces Company (PA), 603 Brigade PA, NAVAL FORCE EASMINCOM (based at Polloc, Parang, Maguindanao), 37 IB (PA), DPWH-XI RES, PGO/PDCC-Maguindanao, CDCC-Cotabato, PTF-MRBRD, PNP-Maguindanao, PNP-Sultan Kudarat and Cotabato City Police Office

Pigcawayan, North Cotabato

- ❖ MDCC Pigcawayan is still assessing the actual damages incurred by flood in some barangays

Cotabato City

- ❖ Concerned DANA teams in 23 barangays affected are still conducting damage and needs assessment in their respective areas of responsibility
- ❖ Emergency response units are on standby for possible search and rescue (SAR) and evacuation operations since temporary refuge has already been identified by the city residents in case massive evacuation is enforced by CDCC Cotabato
- ❖ Declogging of drainage system along major thoroughfares is ongoing
- ❖ If and when needed, the Cotabato City Government will allocate PhP10.5Million out of the Local Calamity Fund for relief, rehabilitation and other emergency services
- ❖ OCD RD XII / Executive Officer RDCC XII attended the CDCC Cotabato Emergency Meeting held on June 1, 2010. The following were the highlights, issues and suggestions/ recommendations:
 - City Engineering Office reported that the cause of the flood in Cotabato City was due to inefficient drainage system along the national roads supposedly maintained by DPWH XII and the clogging of drainage system is due to poor solid waste management and that remedial de clogging measure could not be undertaken as it will only compromise the ongoing drainage projects and strongly recommended for the DPWH XII to exert effort in

resolving drainage problems in the city through preparation of a comprehensive drainage plan.

- Quirino Bridge linking Cotabato City and Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao is already downgraded to 5-ton capacity limit. Hence, it was recommended that the Cotabato City Police Office (CCPO), PNP-SK and Task Group Tugis PA should enforced that only one lane should be used to avoid traffic counter flow
- City Social Welfare Development Office reported that current buffer stock is only enough for 100 persons and to prioritize relief assistance for displaced individuals who are staying at designated evacuation centers and recommended that food requirements and gaps from the identified flood-prone barangays be out sourced or utilize the LCF of barangays concered for relief efforts
- Office of Health Services reported on the lack of medical personnel as there are only 2 doctors available and there is a shortage of medicines and other medical supplies
- General Services Office reported on the alternate dump site outside the city in case of severe flooding at the current site in Poblacion and recommended for BDCCs concerned to coordinate with LGU Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao for alternate dumpsite
- Dep Ed Cotabato reported on the recurring problems on schools used as evacuation centers and suggested that that CDCC identify alternate evacuation sites other than schools

❖ **Inventory of Emergency Response Resources**

- Task Force Tugis PA and Special Forces Company PA - 5 rubber boats and vehicles available for evacuation and SAR operations
- Philippine Red Cross cotabato chapter - 1 rubber boat, 1 organized SAR team and more than 64 pax trained on SAR, BLS, First Aid and CFR
- Cotabato Rescue (CARE) Group - 1 ambulance, 1 transport vehicles and personnel trained on various SAR operations
- CCPO – personnel for peace and order, public safety as well as traffic management