



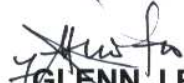
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# **NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL**

National Disaster Management Center, Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

## **NDCC UPDATE** **Sitrep No. 2 re Taal Volcano Update**

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### **1. Situation Overview**

#### **1.1 Alert Level**

- ❖ Taal Volcano's status remains at **Alert Level 2** which means that the volcano is undergoing magmatic intrusion which could eventually lead to an eruption
- ❖ Taal Volcano Island which is within the 3 kms danger zone has **3,523** population
- ❖ Barangays within 7 km Danger Zone: 2 in San Nicolas; 6 in Agoncillo, 3 in Balete, 1 in Laurel, 3 in Mataas na Kahoy and 1 in Talisay

#### **1.2 Precautionary Measures**

- ❖ PHIVOLCS reminds the general public that the Main Crater remains off-limits to the public because steam-driven explosions may suddenly occur or high concentrations of toxic gases may accumulate occur
- ❖ Areas with hot grounds and steam emission such as portion of the Daang Kastila Trail are considered hazardous. PHIVOLC reiterates that Taal Volcano Island is a high risk area and permanent danger zone. Hence, habitation is strictly not recommended

### **2. Actions Taken:**

#### **2.1 Preparedness Activities of PDCC Batangas**

- PDCC Batangas conducted an emergency meeting on June 8, 2010 presided by the Vice Chairman PSSUPT Alberto Cordero Supapo to review the CONPLAN Taal and gave instructions to the following office/units
  - Batangas Public Information Office to conduct information dissemination through local media and inform the inhabitants of Taal Volcano Island to stay outside the 7-km Danger Zone and to prepare an advisory informing the public that once Alert level 3 is raised, force evacuation shall be enforced
  - Batangas Police Provincial Office - to prepare a deployment plan of the affected population, security of the evacuation centers, security of evacuated areas and for search and rescue operations

- Municipal Police Stations of San Nicolas, Agoncillo, Balete, Laurel, Mataas na Kahoy and Talisay to simultaneously conduct checkpoint operations to prevent tourists from going to the volcano Island and provide information on the prevailing situation
- Relief and Evacuation Service Committee to update the number of populace in the Volcano Island including vulnerable groups.
- The PDCC DOC has been activated since June 8, 2010 and will continue operating on 24/7 days until Alert level 2 is lowered
- PDCC Batangas advised all its service committees to update inventory of their resources and to prepare an update of the situation
- A joint meeting of Service Committees on Search and Rescue, Evacuation and Relief was conducted on June 9, 2010 at the Governor's Office.
- MDCCs' Chairmen of San Nicolas, Agoncillo, Mataas na Kahoy, Talisay, Balete, and Laurel have conducted their council meetings to review respective Contingency Plans and discuss the preparation in the event Taal Volcano worsens.
- Buco Station of PHIVOLCS conducted seismic analysis in the volcano island and observed other parameters
- Chairman, CDCC Tagaytay was tasked to issue advisory to the tourists to refrain from going to Taal volcano island until such time that the alert level be lowered and to alert all residents along the Tagaytay Ridge facing Volcano Island and to prepare for evacuation in case the situation worsens
- MDCC Chairman Mataas na Kahoy has ordered to cancel all travel Orders outside the municipality and make sure that all vehicles of the local government are ready for deployment