

MEDIA UPDATE

Executive Summary on the After-Effects of Tropical Cyclone "Unding", "Violeta", "Winnie" and "Yoyong" and the Emergency Management Activities of Various Emergency Responders

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A. Damage Assessment Tab A

- Eight (8) regions (Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VIII, NCR and CAR) were affected by four (4) extreme weather disturbances during the period from 14 November to 05 December 2004.. These tropical cyclones were Typhoon "Unding", Tropical Storm "Violeta", Tropical Depression "Winnie" and Typhoon "Yoyong."
- These weather disturbances affected a total of **712,981** families or **3,629,193** persons from **3,186** barangays of **342** municipalities and **31** cities in **35** provinces. Regions III, IV and V were severely affected by "Unding", "Violeta" and "Winnie", with the latter incurring the most number of casualties, missing and injured persons. Typhoon "Yoyong" was widespread throughout the entire Luzon but there was less casualties and it aggravated the already devastating effects of Winnie in Regions III and IV.
- The reported casualties caused by the four (4) cyclones are: **1,060** dead, **1,023** injured and **566** still missing to date. Most of the casualties was caused by TD "Winnie": 893 dead (84%), 648 injured (63%) and 443 still missing (78%), coming from the Municipalities of Gen Nakar, Real and Infanta, all of Quezon Province.
- Houses totally destroyed were **38,358** while **133,161** were partially damaged.
- The total estimated cost of damage to crops, infrastructure:, fisheries, school and health facilities and transmission lines was placed at **P5,148.421M** broken down as follows: **P3,162.080M** on agriculture, **P206.814M** on fisheries and **P1,322.611M** on buildings, road networks and other public infrastructures, **P60.500M** on health facilities, **P336.000M** on school buildings and instructional materials; and **P60.88M** on transmission facilities.

B. Emergency Management Activities

- The NDCC, through the concerned member agencies and its field offices, provided emergency assistance in terms of damage and needs assessment; search, rescue and retrieval; relief, medical service and evacuation operations, using manpower and logistics generated from the AFP,

Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, local civilian government and private organizations, the United States, UN systems, and other foreign governments/organizations

1. NDCC

- Facilitated the release of **17,775** sacks of rice amounting to **P14,220,000.00** from the National Food Authority to the local disaster coordinating councils repeatedly affected by the successive destructive weather disturbances .
- Released Special Fund amounting to **P38.400 M** as augmentation support to the ongoing relief, recovery and rehabilitation operations of Local Government Units (Aurora, Mindoro Oriental, Camarines Sur, Quezon, Camarines Norte, Occidental Mindoro, Catanduanes) and operational support to PCG and AFP (51st Engr Bde, NOLCOM, SOLCOM, PN and PAF).

2. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)

- The AFP through its AFP Disaster Response Task Force, maximized the utilization of the search and rescue (SAR) assets, logistics and manpower of the three (3) major services (Philippine Air Force, Philippine Navy and Philippine Army) and area commands such as LOGCOM, NOLCOM, SOLCOM, and GHQ Task Force Sagip Buhay.

3. Other Agencies:

- The Philippine Coast Guard provided aircraft and ship for the delivery of relief supplies;
- The Philippine National Police and the Bureau of Fire Protection provided ambulances, medical teams and security; and
- Philippine Mining Safety and Environmental Association (PMSEA) provided medical personnel and miners; with the latter able to retrieve four (4) survivors after 11 days inside the collapsed Retador Building in Real, Quezon.
- Summary of relief and recovery activities of other agencies such as DOH, DSWD, PNRC, BFP, PCG, RDCCs and local DCCs **Tab B**

4. US Military (JUSMAG PAO)

- Assisted the NDCC and AFP in disaster relief efforts. The principal source of U.S. Military assistance comes from the III Marine Expeditionary Force Units (III MEF) stationed in Okinawa, Japan. The main body of III MEF arrived at Villamor and Clark Field on Dec 7, 2004 to participate in disaster relief missions.
- On Dec 7, 2004, a team of seven (7) US Army Combat Life Saver (CLS) instructors assisted in the conduct of triage of injured victims at Villamor Airbase and also provided medical supplies.
- Deployed personnel and equipment via two (2) C-130 daily until December 7, 2004 and transported one plane load of relief and

communications equipment through HH-60 Seahawk Aircraft back to General Nakar and brought back injured victims for treatment at Villamor Airbase.

- Two (2) helicopters airlifted relief supplies to Quezon and 18 injured children and elderly back to VAB for treatment and/or evacuation to hospital.

5. Other Foreign Agencies

- UNDAC assessed the affected areas, Telecom Sans Frontier installed satellite communication facilities in Real and Infanta and the Groupe de Secours Catastrophe Francais provided medical assistance in Infanta and Real for two (2) days.

C. Donations (International and Local)

- The NDCC and member-agencies PNRC, DOH, and DSWD, continue to receive donations in cash and in kind, as well as pledges of financial and material assistance from local and foreign countries/organizations. The amounts of donation through the NDCC, as of 11 December 2004, are as follows

Actual Foreign Donation - (checks and cash)	P 58,686,347.10
Local (checks)	P
4,654,000.00	
Donations in kind (estimated)	P
34,637,960.74	

- Pledges consist of equipment, construction materials, relief goods, financial assistance for rehabilitation of affected communities, technical assistance and services of medical practitioners.
- International donors are U S, Japan, China, Singapore, Korea, Germany, and Belgium; international NGOs such as German Development Foundation, European Union Civil Protection Mech, James Lee Witt and Associates, Washington DC and Emergency Architects Paris, France, World Vision, Telecom Sans Frontier, GSCF, Cathay Airways, USAID and JICA; and UN systems such as UNDP and UNDAC.
- Local donors are government agencies such as :DSWD, DOH, PAF, PN, DCS for Comptrollership, J3 and MMDA; NGOs such as: UNILAB, ABS-CBN, CNDR, CSM International Recruitment, JAKA, Federation of Fil-Chinese Chamber of Commerce, PCSO, PNB, DBP, International Container, PMSEA, UP Student Catholic Action, Asia Brewery Inc, Nestle Philippines Inc, ICTS, Aboitiz Group, Sonta Club, Regata West Subd, PSBA, Quezon City, AFP Officers Ladies Club, PSG Ladies Club and concerned citizens.

D. Delivery of Relief Supplies

- From December 3-12, 2004, the NDCC Operation Sagip Buhay Task Force was able to repack 38,949 bags of family packs out of the donations received.

These were transported to various destinations, to wit :

▪ Camp Nakar, Lucena City	7,152
▪ Villamor Air Base, Pasay City	17,147
▪ Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija	6,929
▪ 202 nd Brigade, Siniloan, Laguna	2,000
▪ 2 nd District, Caloocan City	501
▪ Calumpit, Bulacan	1,158
▪ Quezon Province	3,062.
▪ Macapagal (Clark Air Base)	1,000

- The Sagip Buhay Task Force also delivered 4,044 cases of mineral water, 100,000 pieces of hard boiled eggs 1,000 pieces of blankets, 20 units H2O tanks, 20 tool sets, 10 units water purifier, 50 units generators, and 200 pieces of cadaver bags to Real and Infanta, Quezon and 500 family packs to Nueva Vizcaya

UNDP

Provided 13 crates of banana, 5 cases of poncan, 5 cases of pears through DSWD Region IV; 8,630 family packs to Quezon, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija on Dec 10, 2004, and 1,500 pieces of mats to Bulacan.

OXPAM

- Shipped the following items to Infanta, Quezon: 1 unit of 30 cu. m. tank; 2 units of 11 cu.m. tank; 3 units of 10 cu.m. bladder (big plastic bag); and 1 unit 6 cu.m. bladder; and 50-80 pieces of squatting plate for communal latrines to be installed in evacuation centers in three (3) areas that need additional toilet facilities and in the household level.

World Vision

- Distributed assorted relief goods worth P1,116,000.00 to 1,538 families in the Municipalities of Dingalan and Maria Aurora, Aurora

Region III

- P100,000.00 worth of supplies will be distributed to 262 beneficiaries in Dipaculao, Dinalungan and Casiguran next week. Each pack contains 15 kilos rice, 8 tins sardines and 13 packs noodles.

E. Rehabilitation Activities:

Clearing and Reconstruction of Agos-Bailey Bridge linking General Nakar and Infanta, Quezon

- The clearing operations of the Philippine Navy started on December 11, 2004 with two (2) teams of the Naval Construction Brigade. It is the rehabilitation of the damaged abutment of the Agos-Bailey Bridge.
- The Seebes is set to reconstruct the 36-meter span of the damaged Agos River Bailey Bridge and is expected to finish the reconstruction in two (2) weeks upon the availability of the bridge span and the 20-meter crane.

- BRP Bacolod City (LC550) will transport the newly manufactured bridge spans from Mauban to Infanta.

OXPAM /DOH Initiatives

- Involved in water examination in Infanta, Quezon. Water resources are still of reasonable quality.
- Will initiate cash for work program to do the clean up/clearing of the area; waste disposal system for biodegradable waste from households, and distribute health kits (containing soap, toothbrush and toothpaste). The priority areas will be the Municipalities of General Nakar and Infanta, both of Quezon Province.

Health and Sanitation

National Epidemiology Center (NEC)–DOH

- Conducted assessment of disease risks of evacuation centers in Infanta, Real and General Nakar all of Quezon Province and found out that there are only few cases of gastroenteritis and no pneumonia and measles reported.
- Distribution of chlorine and educating households for water disinfection is ongoing as water sanitation is the main problem now in Infanta.

F. Areas Declared Under A State of Calamity

Yoyong - Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, La Union, Quezon, Apayao, Benguet and Ifugao, Cities of Tuguegarao, Santiago and Cauayan and Municipalities of Solana and Sta Praxedes

Winnie - Nueva Vizcaya, Bicol Region, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Oriental Mindoro, Western Samar and Eastern Samar

Unding – Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Coron, Palawan and Libon, Albay