

Typhoon 'Glenda' victims get assistance

Some P1,523,740 worth of relief goods has been provided to the victims of typhoon Glenda which occurred on July 15 affecting the provinces of Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga, and Tarlac.

In her report to Social Welfare and Development Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman, Director Adelina S. Apostol of the DSWD Field Office III said that the assistance came from the DSWD and the affected local government units (LGUs).

Of the said amount, P707,062.50 worth of relief assistance came from the DSWD; P804,177.50 from the affected municipalities; and P12,500,00 from the provincial government. The relief goods distributed were food (rice, noodles, canned goods, water, and coffee) and non-food (mats, blankets, water jugs, used clothing, and toiletries).

As of 5:00 P.M. today, the affected families were registered at 33,488 or 153,783 persons from the 46 municipalities in the six (6) provinces of Central Luzon. The most affected area was the Province of Bataan with 27,747 families or 129,914 persons followed by Bulacan with 2,504 families or 11,825 persons affected.

Zambales has 2,302 affected families or 7,662 persons; Pampanga with 775 families or 3,609 persons affected; Tarlac with 121 families or 624 persons; and Aurora with 39 families or 189 persons. Of the total affected, 7,732 families or 30,700 persons temporarily stayed in 211 evacuation centers.

Of the 211 evacuation centers opened, 58 evacuation centers are still in operation serving 3,203 families or 12,943 persons. Most of the victims who are still in the evacuation centers are from coastal areas and their houses were

totally/partially damaged by the typhoon.

The rains that triggered flood in the affected areas left 542 families with totally damaged houses and 2,490 families with partially damaged houses. There were 15 reported casualties-seven (7) dead and eight (8) injured.

Meanwhile, Director Adelina S. Apostol has assured the affected local government units of the Department's continuous support particularly in the rehabilitation of the affected families. ### (Evelyn T. Manalo-SMU)