

DSWD continues to assist Lando victims



(City of San Fernando, Pampanga) Some P741,290.00 worth of relief goods has been provided to the victims of typhoon Lando which occurred on October 17 affecting all the seven (7) provinces of Central Luzon.

As of October 18, 12:00 noon disaster monitoring report, DSWD Field Office III reported that the assistance came from the DSWD and local government units (LGUs). Of the said amount, P617,040.00 worth of relief goods came from the DSWD and P124,250.00 from the local government units (LGUs) of affected towns. The content of the DSWD family food packs are rice, assorted canned goods, and coffee.

As part of its augmentation support to the LGUs, the DSWD has likewise prepositioned 3,000 family food packs to the Provincial Action Team (PAT) offices in the provinces of Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, and Tarlac.

Per disaster monitoring report, Lando has affected 3,350 families composed of 14,610 persons from the 21 municipalities in the six (6) provinces of Central Luzon. Aurora province, the hardest hit area has 2,332 families or 9,856 persons affected followed by Nueva Ecija with 941 families or 4,467 persons.

Other affected areas are Bulacan with 59 families or 182 persons; Bataan with 10 families or 59 persons; Zambales with six (6) families or 35 persons; and Tarlac with two (2) families or 11 persons.

Of the total affected, 3,192 families composed of 13,695 persons are temporarily staying in 81 evacuation centers. Aurora province has opened 60 evacuation centers serving 2,176 families or 8,952 persons followed by Nueva Ecija with 941 families or 4,467 persons. In addition, some 158 families or 915 persons are being served outside the evacuation centers.

There are no reported damaged houses or casualties as of this time.

Meanwhile, the DSWD quick response teams (QRT) which were activated before the onset of the typhoon will continue to monitor the affected areas and closely coordinate with the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committees (DRRMC) in their respective areas of assignment.

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