

DSWD, LGUs continue to assist typhoon Nona affected families

(City of San Fernando, Pampanga) Some P11, 604,908.40 worth of relief goods has been provided to the victims of typhoon Nona which occurred on December 15 affecting six (6) provinces of Central Luzon.

As of December 19, 5:00 pm disaster monitoring report, DSWD Field Office III reported that the assistance came from the DSWD and local government units (LGUs). Of the said amount, P8, 972,968.40 worth of relief goods came from the DSWD; P2,131,640.00 from the local government units (LGUs) of affected towns; and P500,000.00 from the Provincial Government of Aurora. 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 1,000 family food packs each to the eight (8) municipalities of the 4th District of Pampanga. This is in preparation for the preemptive evacuation of families who will be most likely affected by flooding due to continuous rains.

Likewise, the DSWD Central Office has sent 40,000 family food packs to augment the resources of the Field Office. Of this, 10,000 was delivered directly to the Provincial Government of Nueva Ecija, 10,000 to Aurora, another 10,000 for the regional office for the provinces of Pampanga and Bulacan and another 10,000 food packs as standby supplies for additional requirements of any municipalities in Nueva Ecija which may need additional food assistance.

The DSWD Central Office has likewise sub-allotted P10 million standby fund for the region which can be used to purchase

locally emergency relief supplies.

Nona has affected 131,358 families composed of 606,669 persons from 35 municipalities in six (6) provinces of Central Luzon. Nueva Ecija, the hardest hit province has 73,215 families affected followed by Pampanga with 26,479 families and Bulacan with 25,645.

Of the total affected, 11,246 families composed of 54,664 persons are still staying in 149 evacuation centers (ECs) in the region. Of these, 9,175 families are occupying 117 evacuation centers in Nueva Ecija; 1,518 families in 12 ECs in Bulacan; 138 families in 13 ECs in Aurora; 410 families in six ECs in Pampanga; and five families in one EC in Bataan. In addition, 51,911 are being served outside the evacuation centers.

Meanwhile, the DSWD quick response teams (QRT) which were activated before the onset of the typhoon have been closely monitoring the situation in 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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