

Mindanao after TS Vinta

Situation Report # 1

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Submerged houses in Barangay Carmen, Cagayan de Oro. (photo credit: Panday Bulig)

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- Around 1am on 22 December 2017, severe tropical storm Vinta made landfall over Cateel, Davao Oriental. That morning, it crossed the Davao Region, notably with winds of 90 kilometers per hour as it moved west over Laak, Compostela Valley.
- After crossing the region, it weakened into a tropical storm as it threatened Zamboanga del Sur.
- That evening it exited the Mindanao landmass via the Zamboanga Peninsula.
- Vinta made its second landfall over Balabac, Palawan at 10 PM on 23 December again as a severe tropical storm.
- It exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility on 24 December at typhoon strength.
- NDRRMC recorded a total of 118,596 families affected in 1,034 barangays 8 regions of Mindanao and MIMAROPA (Palawan). A total of 19,485 families were served in evacuation centers.
- Total casualties recorded are 164 deaths and 176 missing. Sixty-five (65) of the fatalities were from Region 9, 75 from Region 10, and 24 from Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).
- The large number of casualties resulted from the massive flashfloods that occurred in Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, and Cagayan de Oro City.

CURRENT SITUATION

As of this writing, many remote areas in Davao Oriental are still without power. Being the catchbasin of the province of Bukidnon, a lot of Compostela Valley and Davao region is still submerged in floodwaters.

Because of the landslides and flashfloods, five bridges and roads in Region 10 (Lanao del Norte) and CARAGA are unpassable. In Cagayan de Oro City, the water supply has not been restored due to damaged infrastructure. Twenty towns in Mindanao still do not have power.

In a phone call to the national office, CDRN regional center Mindanao Interfaith Services Foundation Inc, Executive Director Percinita Sanchez reported that their community-based Disaster Preparedness Committees in Davao Oriental have yet to transmit damage assessments, mainly delayed due to the ongoing power interruption and weak telecom signals.

According to data from the NDRRMC, the provinces of Lanao del Norte and Zamboanga del Norte and the ARMM reported the most number of damaged residential houses. The damage in Zamboanga is mainly due to the massive flashfloods. Meanwhile, damage to agricultural crops has been pegged at 44 million (rice crops) in Zamboanga del Sur and 7.8 million in Agusan del Sur (rice and other crops).

A state of calamity has been declared in Zamboanga del Sur and Lanao del Norte, where most of the worst flooding occurred.

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HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has released a total of 10.3 million pesos in assistance to affected families in the regions of MIMAROPA, 9, 10, 11, and CARAGA. Relief packs containing rice, cans of sardines, instant noodles, and coffee were distributed to families in evacuation centers. Hot meals were also provided in Region 11.

CDRN regional centers Panday Bulig Inc. (PB) and MISFI has responded with hot meals through funding given by Mercy Relief. PB cooked and provided hot meals in barangay Consolacion in Cagayan de Oro City as well as in Sta Cruz and Natumolan, Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental, where around 200 families were served with hot rice porridge. Pictures below.









RELIEF REQUESTED

According to the Damage, Needs, and Capacities Assessment (DNCA) conducted, the most needed by the affected communities are food and water, as listed in the table below:

Table 1. Requested Relief

Relief Type	Contents
Food packs	25 kg of rice, 1 kg dried fish, 1 kg salt, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg mung beans, 2 liters cooking oil, 6 cans of sardines, 6 cans of corned beef
Hygiene kits	1 pc bath soap, 1 pc laundry soap, 1 pack sanitary napkins, 250 ml toothpaste, 3 pcs toothbrush
Water	5-gallon water container
Others	Seeds and livelihood inputs (early recovery) Psychosocial debriefing

More information is being gathered from the field. This report will be updated as soon as new data is collected and collated.

Data Sources:

1. *NDRRMC Sitrep and website*
2. *Damage Assessments by PB, MISFI, CDRC*
3. *Disaster Preparedness Committees (DPCs)*