

Mayon Volcano Situation Report No. 3 31 January 2018



Mayon eruption, January 2018

Situation Overview

- Jan. 13, 2018 PHIVOLCS raised Alert Level 1 (abnormal) when Mayon Volcano generated a steam-driven explosion (eruptions caused by groundwater flashing to steam as it is heated by magma), producing high grayish ash plume.
- Jan. 14, 2018 Alert level is raised to No. 2 (increasing unrest) and later to No. 3 (increased tendency towards hazardous eruption) when the volcano exhibited high unrest and magma was at the crater. DOST-PHIVOLCS warned that a hazardous eruption was possible within weeks or days.
- Preparation for evacuation was advised to barangays within the 6-kilometer Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ).
- Jan. 15-21, 2018 Continuous lava collapse events, episodes of tremor, rockfall events, pyroclastic density currents (flows of searing hot gas, ash and rocks) and ash clouds were recorded. Alert Level 3 remained in effect.



- Jan. 16, 2018 Through Resolution No. 00670-2018, the province of Albay, Region V was declared under a State of Calamity.
- Jan. 22, 2018 PHIVOLCS raised Alert Level No. 4 (hazardous eruption imminent) as lava fountains as high as 200m-500m and more voluminous lava flow were observed. The Danger Zone is extended to 8-kilometer radius. Volcanic ash posed threat to aircrafts flying close to the volcano's summit.
- Jan. 23, 2018 Mayon's seismic monitoring network recorded two explosion-type earthquakes corresponding to five-kilometer vertical column eruptions, 15 tremor events some of which corresponded to lava fountains as high as 500m to 700m, 35 rockfall events and two pyroclastic density currents.
- Lava flows from the summit crater advanced to three kilometres from the Miisi Gully and 200 meters from the Bonga-Buyuan Gully. An average of 992 tonnes/day sulphur dioxide emission was measured.
- The danger zone around Mayon was expanded to 9km as part of precautionary measures.
- Jan. 24-30, 2018 Mayon continued hurling red-hot lava, and ash plumes as high as 2,500m (up to 3,000m recorded on Jan. 24) into the sky accompanied by hot ash, lava and rocks rolling down its flanks and with rumbling sound. Lava fountainings were recorded as high as 500m on Jan. 24 and 300m on Jan. 25, 2018. Alert Level 4 remains in effect.
- Jan. 27, 2018 PHIVOLCS confirmed lahar flow between the Anuling and Miisi channels due to continuous rain in the province of Albay. It warned Albay residents for possible lahar flow due to bad weather.
- Jan. 30, 2018 Mayon's seismic monitoring network recorded 298 volcanic earthquakes, four episodes of PDC generation from lava collapse and 52 rockfall events. Two eruptions hurling ash plumes as high as and 250m and 1.250m were recorded.

Effect on the population

- According to the Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) of the DSWD-DReAMB, as of Jan. 31, 6am, the number of displaced population reached 23,250 families or 89,828 individuals.
- The PDRRMC of Legazpi reported 21,950 families or 84,415 individuals from three cities and six municipalities or 61 barangays (within the 6-8km danger zone) staying in 78 evacuation centers with a total of 1,035 rooms (average of 82 persons per room). Of these evacuees, 254 are pregnant and 797 are lactating mothers.







Taladong Elementary School Evacuation Center

- The PDRRMC reported an estimate of **Php131,270,466.00** in damages in the agricultural sector (agriculture and fisheries: **Php105,701,466.00**, livestock and poultry: **Php25,569,000.00**) as lava and ash particles continue to funnel out of Mayon.
- According to the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), at least 10,279 farmers are affected. An average of Php20/kg increase in vegetable prices is noted in Legazpi Public Market despite the prize freeze imposed by the Department of Trade and Industry Bicol.
- On Jan. 23, authorities shut down schools and businesses in Albay province. As of Jan. 31, NDDRMC reported suspension of classes in 29 cities/municipalities in the provinces of Albay and Camarines Sur, affecting a total of 49 schools, 49,420 students, and 1,059 DepEd personnel located within the 6-7 kilometer Permanent Danger Zone. For schools being used as evacuation centers, class hours are by shifts, and tents are being used as temporary classrooms.
- A total of 533 individuals are also reported suffering from different diseases, 290 of which are respiratory tract-related.



Shifting classes held under tents serving as temporary classrooms, Taladong Elem. School

 Civil aviation authorities have closed airports in the cities of Legazpi and Naga and at the nearby island of Masbate, while small aircraft have been banned from flying near the



- volcano. NDRRMC reported cancellation of 11 international flights and 110 domestic flights.
- Some highways have also been closed, with ash showers making driving in some areas nearly impossible.

Summary of DNCA results

CDRC and TABI visited forty (40) evacuation centers in Albay for the damage, needs and capacities assessment (DNCA) of Mayon evacuees last January 27-29, 2018. A total of 38 enumerators were mobilized, most of which came from the Bicol Movement for Disaster Response (BMDR) and Tulong Kabataan.

The teams used the DNCA tool of CDRC/CDRN (Citizens' Disaster Response Network) for the field assessment and data consolidation.

Key informant interviews and direct observations were used by the teams as main data gathering methods.



Tulong Kabataan enumerators

Assessment results and recommendations

Four key priority areas were identified in the assessment:

1 st	Shelter: sleeping mats,	
Priority	blankets, privacy partitions,	
	additional rooms	
2 nd	WaSH: hygiene kits,	
Priority	additional latrines	
3 rd	Food and Nutrition: rice,	
Priority	cooking oil, fresh food	
4 th	Livelihood: cash	
Priority	assistance	



An average of 20 families or 60-70 people in each room

Shelter

Out of the 40 visited, 15 ECs identified mats, blankets, privacy partitions, and additional rooms as top priority needs. The evacuees complained that they have difficulty sleeping at night due to limited mats and blankets available (the concrete floor is too cold, especially for older people). They also pointed out the overcrowded and congested rooms – an average of 20 families per room or 60-70 individuals are cramped inside small classrooms. There are also no privacy



partitions between families, raising issues of privacy and protection. Additional rooms or ECs are needed to ease congestion.





Evacuees from Brgy Lidong, Sto Domingo prefer to build their own temporary shelters on the school grounds

At the Bical Elementary School, some of the evacuees from Brgy Lidong preferred building their own makeshift homes rather than stay at overcrowded ECs. They constructed their own temporary shelters on the school grounds in order to have some privacy and better living conditions. They spend approximately Php1,500.00 from their own pockets to buy plastic sheeting, bamboo poles and nipa roof. However when it rains, they had to contend with the muddy fields. They also have limited access to the comfort rooms inside the schools.

The recommendations are:

- Provide non-food items (NFIs) such as mats, blankets, and privacy partitions in order to make the evacuation centers more habitable for the evacuees.
- Ease congestion by adding more rooms or ECs for the evacuees.

Evacuation centers where shelter is a priority:

1 st Priority	2 nd Priority	3 rd Priority
San Antonio ES	1. Tabiguian ES	1. Hindi ES
2. San Antonio HS	San Jose Elementary School	San Jose High School
3. Bantayan HS	3. Bitano ES	Albay Central School
4. San Andres ES	Gogon Central School	Legazpi City HS
5. Legazpi City HS	5. Dita ES	5. Orosite HS
6. Em's Bo ES	6. Bascaran ES/HS/ Anislag HS	6. Gabawan ES
7. Bagumbayan Central School	7. Taladong ES	7. SK Hall /Budiao ES/ Anislag
		Relocation
8. Gogon HS	8. Lower Binogsacan High School	8. Core Shelter houses in Daraga
		Resettlement Site
9. Comun ES		Anislag ES/ Villahermosa ES
10. Guinobatan East Elementary		10. Baligang ES
School		
11. Lower Binogsacan ES		11. Ligao City National Technical
		Vocational School
12. Guinobatan West Central School		
13. Libas ES/Brgy. Hall		
14. Mauraro HS (Site 2)		

15. AECID, Ligao West Central ES

WaSH

Eleven (11) ECs identified hygiene kits (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.), additional latrines, and water for domestic use as their second top priority. Most of the donations coming in are food packs, and very few agencies are donating hygiene kits for personal sanitation. The latrines and bathing facilities are also limited, with an even bigger ratio per beneficiary than that of the rooms. Most of the evacuees prefer to go back home just to do laundry because of the lack of laundry areas in the ECs. Water for domestic use



Toilets are not enough to cater to the evacuees

is very limited, and the usual water source are hand pumps. Even the washing and bathing are

done in the open area, usually beside the water sources. This raises protection issues, especially for women and girls. The provincial government delivers daily drinking water to the ECs, and is therefore not a major concern. There are very few ECs with designated cooking areas, forcing evacuees to prepare food along the corridors or outside the rooms, raising issues of safe and sanitary food preparation.



Outdoor bathing and washing area



Evacuees cooking outside their rooms

The recommendations are:

- Provide hygiene kits containing bath and laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, sanitary napkin, shampoo, etc.
- Provide additional latrines, bathing facilities and laundry areas
- Provide water supply for domestic use
- Construct designated cooking areas per EC



Evacuation centers where WaSH is a priority:

1 st Priority	2 nd Priority	3 rd Priority
 Tabaco National HS 	San Antonio ES	1. Mayon ES
2. TNWCS	2. San Antonio HS	San Jose Elementary School
3. Tabiguian ES	3. Bantayan HS	3. San Andres ES
4. Hindi ES	Malilipot Central School	4. Bitano ES
San Jose High School	5. Bical ES	Gogon Central School
Albay Central School	6. San Andres ES	6. Gogon HS
7. Orosite HS	Legazpi City HS	7. Dita ES
8. Anislag ES/ Villahermosa ES	8. Em's Bo ES	8. Taladong ES
9. Baligang ES	9. Bagumbayan Central School	Guinobatan East Elementary School
Ligao City National Technical Vocational School	10. Gabawan ES	10. Lower Binogsacan ES
11. Ligao West Central ES	11. SK Hall /Budiao ES/ Anislag Relocation	11. Guinobatan West Central School
	12. Core Shelter houses in Daraga Resettlement Site	12. Libas ES/Brgy. Hal
		13. Mauraro HS (Site 2)
		 AECID, Ligao West Central ES

Food and Nutrition

Food packs, containing rice, canned goods and noodles, are currently being provided by the government and other NGOs to the ECs. However, the evacuees are requesting variety in the donations that they receive, preferring fresh produce and other food items such as oil, coffee, sugar, salt, mung beans, etc. More nutritious food sources is also important for pregnant women, lactating mother, older people and children. If the displacement continues for more than a month, the evacuees fear that food supply will eventually dwindle. Augmentation from other sources is therefore going to be crucial in the subsequent weeks.



Evacuees prefer fresh produce over canned goods

The recommendation:

• Provision of rice, cooking oil, fresh produce and other food items other than canned goods to augment the LGU support.



Evacuation centers where food and nutrition is a priority:

1 st Priority	2 nd Priority	3 rd Priority
1. Mayon ES	Tabaco National HS	San Antonio HS
San Jose Elementary School	2. TNWCS	2. Tabiguian ES
3. Bical ES	3. Hindi ES	Malilipot Central School
4. Bitano ES	4. San Jose High School	4. Bagumbayan Central School
Gogon Central School	5. Albay Central School	
6. Dita ES	6. Gogon HS	
7. Gabawan ES	7. Orosite HS	
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9. Core Shelter houses in Daraga Resettlement Site	9. Baligang ES	
10. Bascaran ES/HS/ Anislag HS	10. Comun ES	
11. Lower Binogsacan High School	Guinobatan East Elementary School	
	12. Lower Binogsacan ES	
	13. Guinobatan West Central School	
	14. Libas ES/Brgy. Hal	
	15. Mauraro HS (Site 2)	
	16. Ligao City National Technical Vocational School	
	17. Ligao West Central ES	

Livelihood

Many of the evacuees are farmers, and the evacuation has affected their source of income. To cope, the men tend to return to their farms or remain in their homes to look after their crops and livestock despite the risk. Those who have small sari-sari stores or small vending business has brought their livelihood activities to the evacuation centers. But others who have huge equipment or materials, and are unable to bring them to the ECs are suffering from the loss of income. Examples are the tricycle drivers with routes through the affected areas, abaca weavers with big equipment, etc. But with the projected prolonged evacuation, they will need additional livelihood assistance. Some of the women raised the need for financial support to be able to continue to send their children to school and for their other household expenses.







Some of the weavers were able to bring their equipment to the ECs

Sari-sari Store at the Evacuation Center





The recommendations are:

- Provision of alternative sources of income while at the ECs
- Multi-purpose cash assistance
- Provision of agricultural inputs such as seeds

Evacuation centers where Livelihood is a priority:

1 st Priority	2 nd Priority	3 rd Priority
Malilipot Central School	1. Mayon ES	Tabaco National HS
Taladong ES		2. TNWCS
		3. San Antonio ES
		4. Bantayan HS
		5. Bical ES
		6. Em's Bo ES
		7. Core Shelter houses in Daraga
		Resettlement Site
		8. Bascaran ES/HS/ Anislag HS
		9. Comun ES
		10. Lower Binogsacan High School
		11. Ligao West Central ES

TABI and CDRC response

· Conduct of rapid

Kikiam and fishball vending at the EC

assessment





 Distribution of plastic sheets. The plastic sheets were used as temporary roof cover and partitions for privacy at Taladong Elementary School and Comon Elementary School in Camalig, Albay. Plastic sheets are from the Asia-Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD).





Plastic sheets from A-PAD distributed to evacuees. The Disaster Preparedness Committee (TABI-DPC) at Taladong Elem School ensured proper installation of the plastic sheet roofing.

 Hot Meals Delivery. More than a thousand Mayon evacuees were served macaroni soup and arroz caldo at Taladong Elementary School and Daraga Resettlement Site.



TABI Disaster Preparedness Committee (DPC) of Brgy.
Tumpa, Camalig temporarily staying at Taladong ES
thankfully receives the Hot Meals kitchen utensils from
Mercy Relief thru CDRC.







Community Kitchen and Hot Meals Delivery is supported by Mercy Relief and Citizens' Disaster Response Center.

 Partnership with private sector. A-PAD Metro Naga, composed of local business sector, academe, media and religious sectors has started its fund raising for Mayon.



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A-PAD Metro Naga convenes to discuss the "A-PAD for Mayon" emergency response

Collaboration with the business sector (A-PAD Metro Naga), government (barangay officials
of Sua and Tumpa in Camalig), international partner (Mercy Relief), and community (DPC)
for a more organized and efficient hot meals delivery in Comun Elementary School in
Camalig, Albay.



A collaboration of different stakeholders for a more efficient service delivery





 Distribution of hygiene kits. A total of 258 families from Barangay Upper Cabangan benefited from this activity.







Distribution of hygiene kits in partnership with CARE Philippines and Citizens' Disaster Response Center and with assistance from BMDR Tulong Kabataan - Bicol volunteers

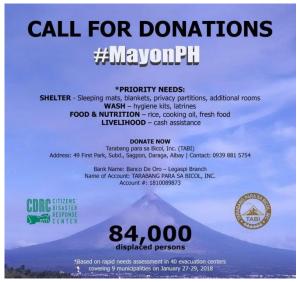
 Continuous damage, needs, capacities assessment (DNCA) in coordination with UN agencies, international NGOs, government agencies and other local civil society organizations (CSOs)





Call for donations





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