URGENT APPEAL FOR THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON FALCON

About 231,542 families were badly affected by typhoon Falcon “international name Meari” or 1,103,428 people in 698 barangays, of 69 municipalities in four regions, according to the report of National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council or NDRRMC. A significant increase was noted in the affected population most particularly in the provinces of Pampanga, Zambales, Bataan, Tarlac, and Bulacan in Region III.

However, in totality, a considerable decrease of about 16,064 families / 73,335 persons in 55 evacuation centers. Most of the evacuees went home when the flood subsided. In NCR, about twenty five (25) evacuation centers are still open serving 762 families / 3,769 persons. In Region III, ninety nine (99) evacuation centers are operational and continuously providing services and shelter to 7,139 families / 34,693 persons while 12,841 family / 62,303 persons who opted to stay outside the evacuation centers are still provided with relief goods.

Of the total affected, 7,906 families or 38,485 persons are still housed at 126 evacuation centers. Three people were reported killed, three injured, and 18 others missing. A total of 1,282 houses (120 totally and 1,162 partially) were damaged in Regions III, IV-A, V, VI and NCR caused by flooding and tornado. The government estimated the damage to agriculture and infrastructure in Regions III, IV-A and V at PhP152,711,284.90.

CALL FOR HELP

Partner organizations, LGU’s and partner communities of Center for Social Concerns and Action (COSCA) of De La Salle University is asking your support after their homes were flooded or washed away by the floods.

The Local Government Units in Lian, Batangas and Bagac, Bataan are asking for support as their constituents were victims of typhoon Falcon. In Barangay Pag-asa, Bagac, Bataan, COSCA’s one of the pilot barangays for the Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Management Program (CBDRRMP) a total of 890 families were affected by floodings. Victims of totally damaged houses are now staying in Bagac, Central Elementary School. Some were recorded staying in their relatives.

However, Barangay San Diego, Lian Batangas Baranggay Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (BDRRMC) recorded ten (10) houses partially damaged and an estimated 702 individuals affected or 140 families.

COSCA’s CWTS-NSTP Program documented reports from its Partner Organizations in NCR, as they solicited the support of COSCA with the particular situation at present:
**PPC:** In Parola, Tondo: 30 Families affected, 10 houses totally damaged, 3 children were rescued in Pasig River (the children survived).

**CML Tatalon:** Total families affected: 700 families (water level reached the 2nd floors of urban poor houses)

**KSBB:** One chapter of KSBB in Bagumbong, Northville, Caloocan are still flooded, some residents transferred/evacuated to nearby schools.

**Food for the Hungry:** San Roque badly affected. 41 families evacuated in Wawa Elementary School, PH Families 8 houses partially damaged, 3 totally destroyed.

**UM:** Flooded areas Kaingin Bukid, Masambong River and River Side, Mapulang Lupa.

MDRRMC’s and BDRRMC’s conducted Damage Needs Capacities Assessments or DNCA last June 26 and according to the reports, typhoon victims are in need of food and non-food items. Each family is in need of the following:

**FOOD ITEMS:**
- 10 kilos of rice
- 6 canned goods
- Dried fish
- Mung beans
- 1 kilo sugar
- Cooking or vegetable Oil
- Coffee
- Milk
- Bottled water
- Noodles

**NON-FOOD ITEMS**
- Old and new clothes (pants, t-shirts, shorts, underwear)
- Plastic sheets
- Sleeping mats
- Blankets
- Kitchen utensils
- Medicines
- Water containers
- Laundry soaps
- Sanitary napkins (for women/ladies)
- Tissue
- Construction materials for housing repairs
- Fishing nets (for fisher folks)
- Seeds (for farmers)
Donations may be sent through CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS AND ACTION (COSCA) of DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY. You may call telephone number 523-41-43 look for Miss Lilia Barrona or Miss Jennifer Santos. You may also visit our office at COSCA Office, 4th floor, SPS Building, De La Salle University, Manila.

Sources:

http://www.ndcc.gov.ph
Various reports from Local partner NGO’s
Field reports Damage Needs Capacities Assessments (DNCA) from Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council of Bagac, Bataan
Reports from Baranggay Pag-Asa Baranggay Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (BDRRMC)
Reports from Baranggay San Diego, BDRRMC
Photos from Bagac, Bataan MDRRMC