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**DILG: 3,267 police and fire personnel
conduct search and rescue operations in
Cagayan and Isabela**

The DILG has deployed 3,267 Philippine National Police (PNP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) personnel to Cagayan and Isabela provinces and they are currently conducting search and rescue and disaster response operations in coordination with Philippine Coast Guard, Armed Forces, and Local Government Unit (LGU) rescue teams.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that this consists of 1,087 police personnel in the various LGUs and 920 police officers from the Reactionary Standby Support Force of Police Regional Office 2 based in Tuguegarao City.

Another 1,260 BFP personnel deployed in all the LGUs of Region 2 together with 28 Emergency Medical Service and Special Rescue Unit personnel have also been mobilized and are currently conducting disaster response operations, he said.

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DILG: Army of 46k contact tracers now fighting COVID-19 in all LGUs nationwide

The DILG confirmed that “an army of 46,338 contact tracers (CTs),” a few thousands shy of the targeted 50K CTs prescribed under the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act or Bayanihan 2 Law, are now deployed in all local government units (LGUs) nationwide fighting COVID-19.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that as the Department gears to complete the targeted 50k CTs stated in Bayanihan 2 Law, the 46,338 CTs currently working on the ground will aid and intensify the country’s response and contact tracing capabilities, especially in the grassroots level, to counter COVID-19.

"The low number of cases we are experiencing now is partly a result of our ramped up contact tracing capacity which immediately cuts the community transmission once a COVID patient is identified," he said.

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“Malaki ang kanilang [contact tracers] ambag sa paglaban ng pamahalaan sa COVID-19 at sa katuparan ng ating target na maging COVID-free ang ating bansa.”

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



DILG tells LGUs to observe health safety protocols in road clearing 2.0

The DILG enjoins local government units (LGUs) to observe minimum health standards during the 60-day nationwide road clearing operations which started on November 16, 2020.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that after eight months of suspension due to the global pandemic, road clearing operations have resumed all over the country except in areas under MECQ or higher and those still flooded due to recent typhoons.

“The road clearing operations are needed to ensure orderliness as we revive local economies without being complacent against COVID-19. Our transition to the ‘new normal’ calls for the need to ensure that our roads remain safe, accessible, and free from illegal and potentially hazardous encroachments,” he said Saturday.

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REGIONAL NEWS

DILG-6, ISAT University ink MOA for capacity dev't modules

DILG Region VI formally turned-over PHP 4.31 million to Dr. Raul F. Muyong, President of Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISAT U), to fund the development of three training modules to be used in capacity

In his message, DILG-6 Regional Director Juan Jovian E. Ingeniero thanked ISAT U and the rest of the members for the partnership and their generous contribution in local development in the Region. “Your efforts are well-appreciated”, he said.

On his part, Dr. Muyong likewise thanked DILG for trusting ISAT U, and assured that the required outputs will be delivered.

“We have been working together since 2013. As a state university, we are happy to serve and to be a partner...collaboration is the name of the game. Kay isa man lang kita ka Region, mabululigay kita,” he added.

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DILG 12, PCW hold online GAD orientation

The DILG-12 and the Philippine Commission Women (PCW), conducted the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) Orientation for RGADC and LGUs in Region XII via Zoom Conference.

A total of One Hundred Fifty-One (151) participants (39 male and 112 female) joined the said meeting, with 44 coming from Regional Line Agencies, 3 from Academic Institutions, one from Civil Society Organizations and 39 from Local Government Institutions.

Director James Arsenio O. Ponce, CESO III, Director IV, Presidential Agrarian Reform Council Secretariat and PCW GAD Resource Pool Batch 1 acted as the main Resource Speaker who talked about Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines as a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy.

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Sinas takes command as 25th Chief PNP

Upon the authority of President Rodrigo R Duterte, DILG Secretary Eduardo M Año formally installed Police General Debold M Sinas as the 25th Chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP) during traditional change of command rites in Camp Crame.

During the ceremony, Año passed on the command saber and symbol of leadership to Sinas that was relinquished by retiring Police General Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan. In his keynote

address, Año highlighted the significant accomplishments of the PNP under Cascolan during the recent months while the country is facing the health crisis.

In his assumption remarks, Sinas assured PNP units of optimized utilization of resources by downloading funds to the lowest police units as a key feature of a fiscal reform program that he vowed to put into action along with the 85% patrol and 15% administrative deployment scheme of personnel to maximize police visibility as deterrent to crime.

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BFP Region 2 director oversees rescue operations in Cagayan Valley

Bureau of Fire Protection Region 2 Director Ssupt Rodolfo Denaga visits some flood affected areas in Tuguegarao City to lead rescue operations.

The massive and widespread flooding in Cagayan Valley displaces thousands of families following the onslaught of Typhoon Ulysses last November 12, 2020.

Relief and rehabilitation operations are still ongoing in various parts of Luzon. Read more to view the latest updates on their official online platforms.

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NCMF-North Luzon conducts relief operations in typhoon-stricken Bulacan Muslim communities

Muslim Filipino communities in Bulacan who were severely affected by the flooding caused by typhoon Ulysses were visited by National Commission on Muslim Filipino-North Luzon, led by Regional Director Raihanah Macarimpas, on November 16, 2020.

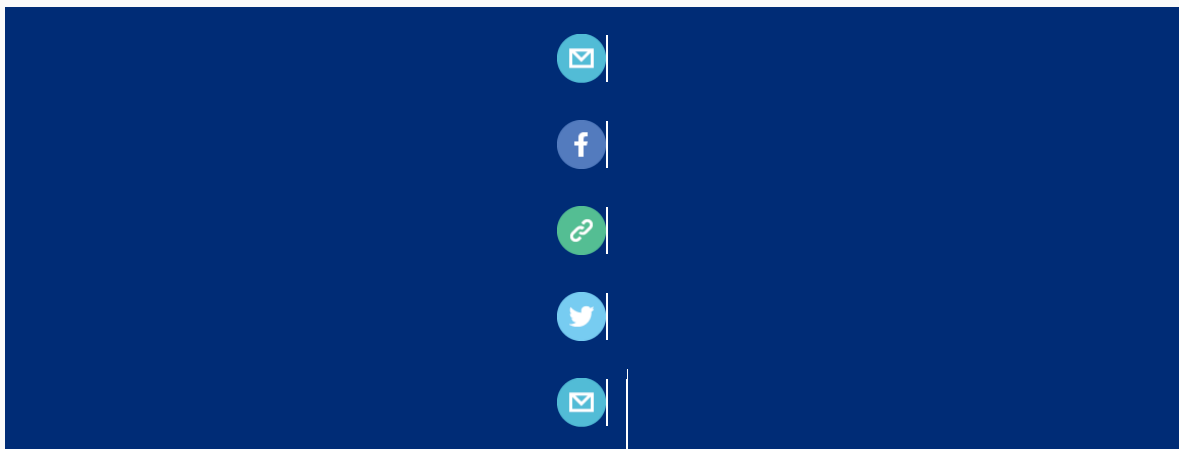
The relief mission targeted roughly 241 families who received relief packs, with 650 halal lunches distributed equally among the residents.

The relief assistance comprised of 41 DSWD boxes and 200 relief packs sponsored by Beautywise owners Abdani and Jennifer Galo. Another 650 halal lunch packs were also sponsored by Alzaky Halal.

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