



RAPID FIELD ASSESSMENT REPORT

as of December 9, 2014

Disaster	: Typhoon Ruby (international name Hagupit)	Date of RFA	: December 8, 2014
Occurrence	: Made landfall in Cataingan, Masbate, on December 7, 2014	Assessment Team:	: 3 Teams (by Vicariate)
	: Albay under PSW signal #3	Method Used	: Transect Drive/Walk, Household Interview, KII
Area/Province	: Albay	Respondents	: Pastor, Parish Commission on Social Concerns, Community

Impact/Findings	Needs	Assistance Received and From Whom	Challenges/Gaps	Recommendations
Sitio Tambulilid, Nagas, Tiwi, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 houses near the river were affected by flooding. Three (3) of which were destroyed by the raging water. • Significant flooding occurred when the river took a different path, inundating rice fields and residential areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families were evacuated in Tiwi Community College. • Received food relief from LGU-Tiwi. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential area is prone to flooding • Not enough water outlet in the dike construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families living in these 20 houses need to be relocated • Provision of housing materials for damaged houses • Improve dike construction and design
Baybay, Legazpi City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 families living near the seashore were affected by storm surge. Their houses were partially covered by sand/mud. Some had their entire kitchen washed-out to the sea. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuated • Received food relief from LGU-Legazpi City. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area is prone to storm surges • Lack of kitchen and kitchenware 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of housing materials for damaged houses • Provision of kitchen and kitchenware • Permanent relocation
Balugo, Oas, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some houses were destroyed by the raging river. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For further validation
Balinad, Oas, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) houses were totally damaged (Andy Barnido, Pedro taturan, Nestor Sarion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing materials • Food relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuated • Received food relief from Baragay LGU after the typhoon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houses are located in upland area and are prone to strong wind damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of housing materials • Provision of food relief
Sta. Cruz, Libon, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) houses were totally damaged (Domingo Epres and Alan Colico) • One house were flooded (Rodriguez Salcedo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing materials • Food relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families evacuated in Barangay Hall • Families received food relief from LGU-Libon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential area is prone to flooding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of housing materials • Provision of food relief



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Buga, Libon, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) houses were totally damaged (Romulo Sasota and a certain Seva) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing materials Food relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuated in Buga National High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential area/is prone to flooding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of housing materials Provision of food relief
San Agustin, Libon, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) house near the river was critically damaged. There were four families living in it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families evacuated in school Received food relief from LGU-Libon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential area/is prone to flooding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of housing materials Provision of food relief
Sitio Lagaan, Banawan, Pioduran, Albay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houses of 139 low income families were partially damaged by storm surge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food relief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuated in San Lorenzo Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal residential area/is prone to storm surge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food relief

Note:
Overall, Typhoon Ruby (Hagupit) left Albay province with minimal damage and zero casualty. Weakened typhoon aside, the outcome indicates that disaster protocols, preparedness, and community cooperation paid off. Still, the experience also highlights some more rooms for improvement, such as:

- the need for permanent relocation solution for households in several high-risk areas;
- more efficient and timely relief goods delivery to evacuees as humanitarian response and incentive for prompt evacuation;
- prompt restoration of power supply; and
- more focused assistance to low income families in (re)building disaster-resilient houses.

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